



NEWS RELEASE

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Date: April 14, 2011
Case No. 11-5627

HOUSE EXPLOSION

On 4/14/2011 at approximately 9:45 a.m., the Portage Police and Fire Departments responded to a report of an explosion of a house in the 5500 block of Sprinkle Road, Portage. The fire was quickly extinguished.

Investigation at the scene revealed that four people were present at the time of the explosion, three adults and one small child. Shortly after the explosion, two of the adults fled the scene with one of them believed to be injured. The two people that remained at the scene were not injured.

Items found inside the home are consistent with the manufacture of methamphetamine. Investigators would like to speak with the individuals that left the scene.

*****UPDATE*****

On April 15, 2011, investigators learned that one of the two adults who fled the scene, a mid-40's white male subject, was being treated in a hospital for significant burns. The second adult, a mid-30's female, was reported to be injured but not seeking medical attention. No charges have been filed at this point; the investigation continues.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Police Department at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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