



## NEWS RELEASE

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Case No. 12-1538

On January 28, 2013 at 00:02 hours, Portage Department of Public Safety Police and Fire units were dispatched to Wendy's on S. Westnedge at Van Hoesen for a report of a man that walked up with burns on his hands. A few minutes later, a resident in the 500 block of West Van Hoesen called to report an explosion. Officers arrived and found the location of the explosion at 514 W. Van Hoesen. The front porch wall of the home had been blown off and the windows blown out. No one was located at the home, but the witness said they saw several people leaving the home on foot after the explosion. A neighbor was evacuated until it was safe to return.

The suspect with the burnt hands, who went to Wendy's, was transported by ambulance to the hospital. A search warrant was served on the residence, and components used to make methamphetamine were located inside the home. A Portage Department of Public Safety Investigative Resources Team is continuing the investigation.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, [www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com](http://www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com).

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