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Case No. 14-10787 and 14-10789

On June 24, 2014 at 10:18 p.m., the Portage Department of Public Safety responded to a residence in the 2200 block of Fairfield Street on a reported explosion and fire.

The preliminary investigation conducted by Portage Fire investigators at the scene determined the 50-year-old resident was attempting to make and alter fireworks when the explosion occurred. The resident sustained burns during the incident and was transported to Bronson Hospital for multiple burn injuries.

Unrelated to the initial explosion and fire, Public Safety Fire investigators located a meth lab at the residence. A subsequent investigation was initiated by Police concerning the meth lab and removal. Further investigation is continuing regarding both incidents.

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.

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