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**HOME DESTROYED BY EXPLOSION**

**BELOIT, WI** — The Department of Criminal Investigation State Fire Marshal's Office and City of Beloit Fire Department Fire Investigation Team have concluded their preliminary fire scene examination. This examination revealed that an open gas line in the basement contributed to the explosion. The tenants installed a new gas stove on the evening of the incident, the gas stove and the open end connection were supplied by the same line. When the gas was turned on for the stove, the tenants were unaware that the gas line was not capped, resulting in the basement being filled with natural gas and an unknown ignition source ignited the gas, causing the explosion.

There is no criminal activity associated with this incident. It was rumored that home repairs were being done without a permit, to our knowledge there were no repairs going on in the house that required a permit for work from the City of Beloit.

The tenants, Tara Purdy and Todd Purdy, have both been transferred to UW Madison Hospital. Tara is listed in Fair Condition with cuts, bruises and minor burns. Todd Purdy is listed in Critical Condition with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Burns. No other information is available at this time.

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