

Springfield man injured after home bursts into flames; hash oil explosion suspected by detectives

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SPRINGFIELD — A 35-year-old Springfield resident suffered life-threatening burns Sunday night when a duplex on Second Street went up in flames.

Although the cause of the fire has not been confirmed, Springfield police detective David Lewis said the fire has “all the earmarkings of someone cooking hash without ventilating the room properly.”

Many residents reported hearing explosions coming from the building just before the upper half of the residence ignited at 8:42 p.m., police said. The explosions continued once the fire began.

Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire, but the only person home at the time, Jacob Donald Eisel, was found with severe burns. He was taken to Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend for treatment, according to authorities.

Deputy fire marshals from Eugene Springfield Fire are investigating the cause of the blaze.

Police on Monday morning said criminal conduct had not been substantiated. On Monday afternoon, Lewis said cooking hash and extracting oil is a criminal offense.

Hash oil is typically made by dissolving marijuana leaves in liquid butane and cooking it.

One month ago, a hash oil explosion destroyed a Veneta home and sent one man to the hospital.

A police line on Monday morning surrounded the Second Street home, but left open the doorway of a neighboring residence that shares a wall with the burned-out home.

The fire did not appear to damage the neighboring residence.

Children’s toys and a doll cradle were scattered outside the burned portion of the duplex. The back upstairs section of the house was ripped wide open.

A sign that read “biker babe” hung over the burned residence doorway, and another sign read “bless all who gather here.”

A pet food bowl was on the front porch. The garage door was boarded up.