

Follow-up to Original Press Release on House Explosion
4-1-09

At this time, Eureka Fire Department, working in conjunction with Eureka Police Department and assisted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, has finished their examination of the fire scene. They are currently processing items collected during the scene examination to try to help determine the origin and cause of the explosion and subsequent fire that occurred at 3615 Glen Street. At this point in the investigation, it does not appear that the fire was accidental in nature. As stated in earlier releases, there was no evidence found that indicated that there was a meth lab, or any other type of lab within the structure.

The Eureka Police Department continues to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of the occupant of the residence, Cleatous Hantz. It has been determined that his death was caused by a gunshot wound. There was no indication that his death was the result of the fire or explosion. The Department is not releasing any further information about the cause of death at this time, because the investigation is on-going.

The fire and death are still under investigation, and it may take some time before investigators are able to explain what happened and why.

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