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Central Kitsap man airlifted following explosion

East Bremerton, Wash. -- Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives and patrol deputies, assisted by explosive ordnance technicians with the Washington State Patrol Interagency Bomb Squad, are investigating the cause of an early morning explosion inside of a residential garage.

The explosion occurred around 7:10 a.m. on property located in the 100 block of NE Conifer Drive, in the Parkwood East community neighborhood of East Bremerton.

A 32 year-old man who lives at the address was treated on-scene by Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue medic crews, then transported to Harrison Medical Center, Bremerton. He subsequently was airlifted to Harborview Medical Center, Seattle. The man sustained severe trauma injury to his right hand and light blast burns, shrapnel lacerations and abrasions to his torso and face. Three other persons in the house at the time of the explosion, a 23 year-old woman and two boys in their early 'teens, were not injured.

Investigators have petitioned Kitsap County Superior Court for a search warrant to re-enter the property. Bomb squad personnel had earlier checked the garage to ensure that there was no immediate threat to lives and property from any type of device or explosive material.

The investigation continues. Explosive ordnance technicians will determine the chemical elements or compounds involved in the explosion and the specific actions of the injured man that may have caused the explosion.

Detectives will determine if the man was engaged in criminal activity that resulted in the explosion.

Upon completion the case file investigation will be turned over to the Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office for review and filing of any criminal charges, if applicable.

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