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EXPLOSIVE DEVICE

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating the detonation of an explosive device on May 7th, 2012, at approximately 5:45 A.M. The device exploded outside of a duplex located at 828 Southwest 14th Street in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

When the device exploded in a flower bed underneath a living room window, a woman and small child were sitting on a couch approximately five (5) feet away. The explosion caused glass shards to be strewn with force throughout the room, embedding some pieces of glass in the drywall. The strength of the blast caused the concrete bricks lining the flower bed to be hurled in an outward motion as well.

The concussion of the explosion was so powerful that it destroyed two other glass windows, located over ten (10) feet away from the immediate blast site.

Fortunately, the explosion occurred outside of the residence and no persons were injured due to the blast.

Members of the Fort Lauderdale Police Bomb Squad and Arson Unit responded out to the scene and collected evidence. The evidence has led detectives to believe that the remnants of the explosive device were consistent with that of a commercially made pyrotechnic device.

Detectives do have some persons of interest in the case and are following up on all leads. Fort Lauderdale Detectives are working with Special Agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), as well as the Department of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF).

Investigators are urging anyone with information regarding the explosive device to contact Detective Don Gauntner at 954-828-5527 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.

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