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Officials Provide Update Regarding East Cleveland Home Explosion

State and local investigators believe individuals burglarizing a home at 1073 E. 125th Street in East Cleveland are responsible for the Sunday, June 10 explosion.

One of the suspects was found deceased at the scene and a second is in critical condition at the Metro Health Burn Unit. Investigators are still seeking the whereabouts of the third and possible fourth suspect. Investigators believe the group was tampering with gas lines within the home, which caused the subsequent explosion.

The investigation into the origin and cause of the fire continues and is being conducted jointly by the State Fire Marshal's office, East Cleveland Fire Department, East Cleveland Police Department, Cleveland Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Anyone with tips relating to this incident is encouraged to call the State Fire Marshal's office tip line at **800-589-2728** or the East Cleveland Police Department at **216-451-1234**.

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