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Chemical explosion at a home in St. Petersburg tonight

On Monday August 19, 2013 at about 7:40 p.m., St. Petersburg Police and Fire and Rescue responded to a call of an explosion at 921 1/2 Yale Street North.

Police and Fire Investigators learned that two men and a woman were inside of the residence at that location, attempting to make hashish oil, when the explosion occurred.

Investigators learned that a combination of chemicals used in the making of the hashish oil caused an explosion, which blew out one exterior wall and severely damaged an interior wall at the residence.

Two people inside of the residence were injured; one was treated at the scene for minor injuries, and the second individual, one of the men, suffered serious burns and was transported to the Tampa General Burn Unit.

No one has been charged and I do not have the names of those who were involved at this time, but criminal charges may occur in the future pending the outcome of the investigation.

I am told that the possible charges, if they are filed in this case, would be Cultivation of Marijuana (Felony) and Criminal Mischief (Felony).

Please contact the media relations office in the morning for updated information on this case.

Information by Bill Proffitt on August 19, 2013 at 11:00 p.m.