

4 Truckee residents accused of cooking drugs

Truckee firefighters on Sunday responded to what they thought was a grease fire. It turned out to be a drug lab on fire.

Crews said they quickly determined there had been a small chemical explosion from people trying to make "hash oil" from marijuana by using butane fuel. The call came in Dec. 15 about 2:30pm

"This has become a common practice among some marijuana users looking for stronger THC content. This can be very dangerous and has resulted in many explosions and fires across California and the rest of the United States," authorities said in a press release.

Anthony Garner, 20, was transported to the hospital with moderate burns. He was later booked into jail on felony charges involving manufacturing drugs, child endangerment, conspiracy to commit crimes, and maintaining a residence for manufacturing drugs.

Kiev Watson-Akright, 22, Yvenel Casseide, 21, and Austin Coton, 21, were also arrested at the scene on felony charges including manufacturing drugs, child endangerment, and conspiracy to commit crimes.

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