

Explosion on West Slope reportedly a drug lab

Two people were injured New Year's Day when a suspected butane extraction lab exploded on the West Slope.

An explosion was heard about 3:25pm on Pony Express Trail in Camino.

Joshua Jamison, 39, was treated for burns to his face. A juvenile was also transported to the hospital for possible smoke inhalation and was later released. Two other juveniles in the residence were not uninjured.

Deputies believe an illegal butane extraction lab was set up in the bathroom of the home. They said the lab was being used to produce concentrated cannabis. There was extensive structural damage to the home as a result of the blast. Many interior walls were cracked or moved and multiple exterior walls were pushed off of the foundation.

El Dorado County building officials deemed the home unsafe to occupy.

No arrests have been made at this point.

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