

Arson suspected in explosion which kills man

By MARY GNIEWEK

Farmington Hills fire investigators have determined arson as the cause of a house explosion-fire which took the life of a 38-year-old Farmington Hills man Sunday.

According to fire investigators, gasoline was spread throughout the living room and kitchen area of the tri-level home at 32777 Cadillac.

"Because of the time element involved, I believe the victim set the fire," said Sgt. Charles Archambeau, who walked through the charred ruins Monday morning. Archambeau said probable cause of death was smoke inhalation.

Investigators found an empty five gallon gas can in the rubble. One official said a gallon of gasoline is equal to fourteen sticks of dynamite under certain conditions.

Engines from Farmington and Farmington Hills arrived on the scene at 1:40 p.m. They fought the blaze, which blew out the entire back wall of the home, for an hour.

Neighbors said the victim was Glen Lyyski, who lived in the house with his mother, Erma Lyyski. Mrs. Lyyski was at her farm in Arnhem, Mich., near Houghton, when the incident occurred. She was notified by police Sunday evening.

WITNESSES SAID they saw Lyyski running around in the living room of the house before firefighters arrived, but could not coax him to come to the front window before the room was engulfed in flames.

"My husband tried to break down the front door," said Mrs. Mary Perkins, a neighbor.

"I ran across the street with a shovel in my hands to break out the windows," she said. "But they were blown out."

"My husband heard him choking and saying 'open the door.' Then we heard nothing."

Denise Stewart, 16, who lived next door to the victim, described Lyyski as a loner. A bachelor, he lived at the Cadillac residence with his mother for several years.

"He was a loner, but he was a nice man," said Mrs. Stewart, who was watching television when she heard two explosions at 1:30 p.m.

"The first two were loud bangs, then after a few more blasts, I called the fire department," she said. "Mr. Perkins was yelling at him (Lyyski) to come toward the window. The door had a double bolt lock."

"He (Lyyski) had a dog and a goat in backyard pens. I went back there and got the animals out safely," she said.

Fire Chief John VanderVoort said it took firefighters 15 minutes to put out the blaze and about an hour to clear the scene.



A series of explosions blew out the back wall of this tri-level home in Farmington Hills. The resulting fire, which took one life, gutted the residence instantly. Fire officials attributed the fire to arson. Gasoline was spread throughout the main portion of the house. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

New emergency line listed in the Hills

Residents of Farmington Hills now have a combined police, fire and medical telephone number to call when emergencies occur. The number is 477-0911.

In addition, police and fire administration numbers and a public works administration number have been placed in service.

City Manager Lawrence Savage said

the new numbers will result in more efficient handling of emergency calls and will allow administrative numbers to be better utilized.

The new administration numbers are: police, 474-6181; fire, 553-0740; public works, 553-8550.

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