



OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: April 20, 2017
Complaint Number: 17-217826
Type of Incident: Explosion
Reporting Officer: Deputy Andy Hinds
Supervisor Approval: Sergeant Bryan Muir

On Saturday, April 15, 2017, at approximately 8:30 pm, the Kent County Sheriff's Office Emergency Communications Center received several reports of a large explosion heard throughout the southern borders of the City of Wyoming, City of Grandville and the northern Byron Township.

Emergency Communications operators had broadcasted the information to surrounding agencies, however, the source of the explosion was not immediately located and no additional sounds were detected in the area.

The Sheriff's Office coordinated with the Grandville Police Department to further investigate the source of the explosion and soon learned the source of the explosion was located in the 7100 block of Wilson Avenue SW.

Detectives with the Sheriff's Office were able to locate the person responsible for the explosion and determined a large amount of Binary X, a material used as an agent for exploding targets had been mixed with ammonium nitrate and denoted with a high powered rifle.

Detectives have spoken with the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad and the Kent County Prosecutor's Office and have determined all laws pertaining to the detonation and transportation of the materials used was done so lawfully.

The Sheriff's Office has concluded their investigation and no charges have been authorized.

Additional information reference binary explosives can be found at:
<https://www.atf.gov/explosives/binary-explosives>