

# Blast in house kills 3, injures 3; bomb suspected

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Three persons were killed and three others injured last night when a house at 6101 Lansing Ave. SE was ripped by an explosion which police said might have been caused by a bomb delivered to the house in a suitcase.

The dead were identified as Mary Ann Sigley, whose age was not immediately known, her son Michael, 2, and Burdell Offitt, 23. Offitt was visiting Mrs. Sigley's husband, Will, who had been in the house earlier, left and had been gone for a short time when the explosion occurred.

Injured were the Sigleys' other son, Steven, 9 months, and John, 21, and Deborah Slepko, 16, of 2142 Thurman Ave. SE. All were taken to St. Alexis Hospital in critical condition and later transferred to the burn unit of Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital.

A small fire followed the explosion at 11:44 p.m. Firemen brought it under control in a short time. The explosion broke windows in houses on either side and was heard up to a mile away, witnesses reported.

Police said they were told someone had delivered the suitcase to the front porch of the house only minutes before the blast.

They speculated that the occupants took the suitcase inside and the explosion occurred when it was opened.

Police also said they were told that someone who lived in the house was a member of a motorcycle gang and that the incident might be connected with a rivalry between gangs.

The blast blew out one side of the four-family, frame building, badly damaged the other side and buckled the front. A witness

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