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Man burned in explosion

An Orofino man received extensive burns in an explosion in an outbuilding at 12354 Jerome Ave. in Orofino Tuesday, according to Orofino Police Department.

According to family members, Howard 'Babe' Wynn was burned in the explosion. He was originally transported to Clearwater Valley Hospital and later transferred by fixed-wing airplane to Harbor View Medical Center in Seattle, WA.

OPD, Clearwater County Ambulance Service and Orofino Fire Department responded to the scene. OPD reports said it appears there had been a propane leak in the building. The Wynn entered it and struck a match to light a lantern and that caused the explosion. OPD Assistant Chief Clay Hesson said there was minor damage to the outbuilding and its contents.

It appears that the incident was an accident, according to OPD.

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