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Jefferson Township man dies in explosion

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP – A 55-year-old Clay Street resident died, Saturday, after improvised explosive devices (IED) he was making exploded in his garage.

Deputies responded to the 1300 block of Clay Street after being notified that Jefferson Fire Department was dispatched to the address. Deputies were advised that a male victim / suspect was trapped inside the garage. When deputies arrived on scene, the detached garage located behind the residence was burned to the ground and debris was scattered into the neighbor's yard.

A neighbor told deputies that the victim was making the explosives in his garage to sell so he could pay off a lawn mower he recently purchased.

The State Fire Marshall was called as well as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to assist due to the severity and nature of the incident.

The victim was transported to University Hospitals Geneva Medical Center where he died from his injuries.

No further information is being released at this time.

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