

Lawsuit seeks damages in July 4th house explosion

**ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (AP) - Two people injured in a Fourth of July explosion that destroyed a St. Joseph home have filed a civil lawsuit.**

**The St. Joseph News-Press reports that Devon Wall and Kaitlyn Pennington, of Platte City, are seeking damages in excess of \$25,000. The owners of the former rental property and their tenant, Leslie Osborn, are named as defendants.**

**The lawsuit claims Osborn was manufacturing fireworks inside the residence at the time of the explosion. Osborn, Wall and Pennington each suffered injuries.**

**The owners filed a counterclaim, saying the suit should be dismissed. They allege Wall and Pennington actively participated or had direct knowledge of Osborn's activities.**

**No criminal charges were filed against Osborn, who doesn't have a listed phone number. A hearing is set for Wednesday in Buchanan County Circuit Court.**

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