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Media Release: January 16th, 2019 BHO explosion destroys Zayante home

CASE #: 19-0459
LOCATION: 300 block of Creekside Way, Felton
DATE & TIME: 1/15/2019 at 1:40 PM
CRIME: 11379.6(A) HS Manufacturing a controlled substance

A butane lab explosion sent one man to the Hospital and destroyed a home in Zayante on Tuesday. At about 1:40PM, Deputies were sent to a report of a large explosion and possible structure fire in the 300 block of Creekside Way in Felton. Deputies and Medical personnel found the resident, a 38-year-old man, suffering from injuries resulting from the explosion. The man was taken to the hospital for medical treatment.

Sheriff's Deputies and a team from the Cannabis Licensing Office investigated the cause of the explosion. Their investigation suggests that an illegal butane-honey-oil lab extraction process resulted in the explosion. The powerful blast ripped several walls out and exposed the interior of the home. Investigators searched the home and found several large volume butane tanks and other manufacturing equipment. 272 pounds of processed cannabis was seized from the location along with finished BHO product

The investigation is ongoing and criminal charges are pending.

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