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Residential Explosion Claims the Life of a Concordia Parish Man

CONCORDIA PARISH (AUGUST 7, 2026) – A 71-year-old Monterey man has died from injuries sustained in a residential explosion earlier this week.

On Aug. 6, 2026, the victim succumbed to severe fire-related injuries he suffered following an Aug. 3 explosion at a residence located in the 100 block of Ryan Road in Monterey.

The Monterey Fire Department requested assistance from the Office of State Fire Marshal's (SFM) Fire Investigations Unit following the explosion. Investigators determined the incident was a gas-vapor explosion that occurred inside the residence.

The three occupants inside the home at the time of the explosion, a 71-year-old male, a 68-year-old female and a 28-year-old male, were airlifted to Baton Rouge General Hospital for treatment of severe fire-related injuries. The 71-year-old male later died as a result of his injuries.

The SFM Fire Investigations Unit is actively investigating the cause and circumstances surrounding the explosion.

For more information about fire safety or to request a free smoke alarm installation, residents are encouraged to contact their local fire department or visit lasfm.org.

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