

HEINLEIN GENEALOGY

Carl Conrad Heinlein (1904 to 1993)
Gertrude Viola Krentz Heinlein (wife, 1907 to 2002)

Edward Carl Heinlein Sr (son, 1928 to 2014)

HOUSE ON CHARLTON HEIGHTS ROAD

Natural gas explosion levels house in Moon

Homeowner, neighbor taken to Mercy Hospital



WEAPONS SEIZED Above, Moon Township police officer Michael Barravecchio removes guns from 1660 Charlton Heights Road Sunday. At least 12 rifles and a pistol were found along with several large marijuana plants in the house next door to the house that exploded on Saturday night.

MOON TWP. — A natural gas explosion leveled a Moon Township home Saturday night and sent two men to the hospital.

The explosion destroyed the house at 1656 Charlton Heights Road and severely damaged the home next door.

Residents in the area were evacuated, and Columbia Gas shut off gas, said Moon police Capt. Greg Seamon.

He said it was unclear which residents would be allowed to return to their homes Saturday night.

Shawn Landa, the owner of the home, was flown by medical helicopter to Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh after being pulled from a pile of debris, police reported.

His next-door neighbor, Alan Lisica, was also taken to Mercy by ambulance after being dug out from the rubble.

Both men were conscious when they were found, witnesses said.

Sgt. Jeffrey Smith of the Moon police said the force of the explosion was so great that pieces of Landa's house flew into Lisica's, causing the chimney on Lisica's home to fly off and puncture the wall of the next house on the street.

Multiple surrounding homes, including ones

across the street, sustained damage.

Kim Haberlein was at her grandparents' home several houses away when she heard the explosion. She called 911 while her father and husband ran to the site of the explosion.

"You knew it was something huge that had happened," she said.

Her husband, Bill, said he held up part of a wall while others pulled Landa and Lisica from the debris.

"I heard someone yelling, 'Help me!'" Mr. Haberlein said, adding that it was Lisica yelling.

Landa suffered cuts to his head and burns to his hands and arms, Mr. Haberlein said, adding he had insulation stuck to the side of his head when he was found.

"It was like a bomb went off," Mr. Haberlein said. "I thought a plane crashed."

Saturday's incident follows a house explosion early Friday morning in West Virginia's Northern Panhandle in which one person was killed and at least three others were injured.

Brooke County Sheriff Chuck Jackson said a natural gas leak was reported just before the house blew up in a neighborhood just outside Follansbee, W.Va.