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West Jordan Condominium Fire Accidental in Nature / Victim Identified

WEST JORDAN, UT – The West Jordan Fire Department has determined that the cause of Sunday’s condominium fire at 1370 West 6690 South, Bldg. A, was accidental in nature.

In the condominium unit where the fire originated, and where deceased 66-year-old Judy Pedersen lived, it was determined an explosion occurred. A knob on the gas stove in her unit was found in the “on” position. Witnesses in the unit above stated they felt an explosion below them.

Investigators also found evidence to support an explosion. The ignition source is undetermined because the primary witness is deceased.

Transported from the scene were those witnesses Shane Stegen, 26, and Hayley Morrison-Stegen, 23, who were forced to drop from a second-story window when the fire prevented their escape down the stairs. Both were transported to Intermountain Medical Center.

At this point, 11 people have been displaced and all eight units sustained smoke, fire and water damage. The property management company and insurance companies will be working with the residents toward cleanup and restoration, which is expected to take an extended period of time.

For more information, please contact Deputy Chief Reed Scharman at 801-260-7300 or email infowjfd@wjordan.com.

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