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Semi-Trailer Explosion Update

On December 18, 2017, at approximately 08:11pm, the Weld County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a report of an explosion at the 7600 block of WCR 21, near Frederick, Colorado

Preliminary information suggests that this explosion was not on a gas or oil site. One 32-year-old male and one 71-year-old male were transported to a Northern Colorado Medical Center. The condition of the parties went from being stable to serious condition and are being treated for serious burns at this time.

Evidence of a butane hash oil extraction process was noted and the Weld County Drug Task Force responded to assist the investigation. The Weld County Drug Task Force and Weld County Sheriff's Office investigators are working together to continue this investigation.

This is an on-going investigation and information is limited. More information will be released as it becomes available.

Anyone with information regarding this or any other crime is asked to call the Weld County Sheriff's Office at 970-356-4015 or Northern Colorado Crime Stoppers at **1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or 1-800-444-3776. Tips can also be submitted through the Crime Stoppers website at www.crimeshurt.com. Those submitting tips through Crime Stoppers that lead to the arrest and filing of charges on a suspect(s) may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000 from Crime Stoppers.**

Steve Reams – Sheriff