

CITY OF BLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

INCIDENT

☐ Motor Vehicle Accident with: ☐ Injuries ☐ Fatality ☐ Property Damage

☐ Death: ☐ Accidental ☐ Suicide ☐ Suspicious ☐ Arrest

☐ Robbery ☐ Burglary ☒ Other: Fire

Date/Time of Call: 1/9/25 / 3:50 a.m.

Location: 236 W Mill Rd Blair WI Still Under Investigation: ☐ Yes ☒ No

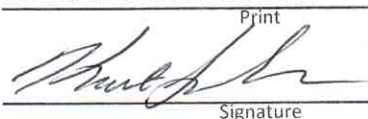
☐ Names not being released at this time ☐ Names will be released in subsequent press release

Person(s) Involved: Adam Thayer

Summary:

In the early morning of January 9, 2025 Trempealeau County Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call advising of a fire at 236 W Mill Rd in Blair WI. A passerby noticed a camper on located on the property was on fire and called 9-1-1. Blair/Preston Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire. The Blair Police Department and Trempealeau County Sheriff's deputies also responded. The camper was a total loss as was a second camper which was parked next to the camper of origin. Adam Thayer, 48, who resides at this address, was sleeping in the camper on this particular morning. He had recently been woken and was returning to sleep when a 1 lb propane tank exploded and started a fire in the camper. Thayer told the Blair Fire and Police Departments he had the propane tank hooked up to a portable heater which was about 1 1/2 feet from his bed. Thayer was able to escape the blaze and waited outside for rescue to arrive. Thayer was transported to Tri County Hospital in Whitehall where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries and released later this same morning. The propane tank and heater were located in the rubble next to where the bed had been. There were no suspicious circumstances and the fire is no longer under investigation. The Blair Police Department would like to remind people that although portable heaters are widely used and serve a valuable purpose, there are dangers associated with their use. When using portable heaters care must be taken to follow all manufactures instructions to avoid accidents such as this.

Approved by: Police Chief Kent Johnson


Signature

Date/Time 1/9/2025 / 11:00 a.m.