

Gas used to blow up home

A 54-year-old man killed in a Campbellville house explosion in February deliberately caused the blast using gasoline, Halton Regional Police have confirmed.

Rudy Stotyn died in the blast that levelled the 170-year-old Guelph Line residence during the early morning hours February 11.

Mr. Stotyn, who was in the midst of a property settlement with his estranged wife of Caledon East, was alone when he destroyed the couple's former home.

Police said Mr. Stotyn doused the premises — listed in his wife's name — with a large amount of gasoline. He then produced an open flame which, exposed to the gasoline fumes, caused the explosion and subsequent fire.

Gas containers found at scene

Over the three days prior to the blast, Mr. Stotyn purchased 19 20-litre plastic containers filled with gasoline, said Det. Sgt. Jackie Gordon.

Several of the containers were found on the property.

The finding of gasoline as the source of the blast was determined by the Centre for Forensic Sciences in Toronto.

Police said evidence at the scene also determined that Mr. Stotyn's death likely wasn't accidental.



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Police report the cause of an explosion that levelled a Guelph Line home in February was gasoline deliberately spread throughout the house in a domestic property dispute. The perpetrator died in the blast.

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