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## Mission Hill man ordered held on \$15K bail for setting off small explosive in residence

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A 22-year-old Mission Hill man was ordered to be held on \$15,000 cash bail after he allegedly told police he set off a small explosive device inside a residential building in the Mission Park housing complex Monday morning, city police said.

Alex Wan, 22, of Roxbury, was arraigned Tuesday morning in West Roxbury District Court on charges of "throwing, placing, or exploding an explosive" and "making, selling, using or possessing a Molotov cocktail," said Jake Wark, a spokesman for the Suffolk District Attorney's Office. He said a not guilty plea was automatically entered on Wan's behalf.

Boston firefighters responded to a fire alarm at 11 New Whitney St. around 11:30 a.m. Monday. They discovered two small silver cylinders, what appeared to be burn marks, and black powder similar to gun powder on the floor of the building's fifth level, police said in a statement.

One of the cylinders appeared to have exploded and the second cylinder had a wick extending from it, according to police. Firefighters then asked the police bomb squad to secure the device.

Security personnel identified Wan as a suspect while watching security footage with police detectives, who then went to the man's residence to question him, police said. Officials said Wan lives at 835 Huntington Ave., which is a different building within the Mission Park complex where the explosive devices were found.

"After asking several questions about the incident, the suspect asked if [the detectives] could cut through the chase," police said in the statement. "The suspect then said that he did something stupid at which time the detectives asked the suspect if he was responsible for what happened, and the suspect said that he was."

The two charges carry no minimum penalty and maximum penalties of 10 and 5 years in prison, the district attorney's office spokesman said.

Wan is represented by attorney Robert Tobin and is due back in court Dec. 20, according to Wark.

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