

Families of Lowell fire victims fight building demolition

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LOWELL, Mass. (MyFoxBoston.com) -- The families of victims who died in a Lowell fire last week filed an emergency injunction to stop the demolition of the building destroyed in the blaze.

The apartment building on Branch Street was set to be torn down Tuesday. Families were granted a temporary restraining order Monday to stop it.

Investigators tell the Lowell Sun the fireworks in one unit did not cause the fire. They are looking at potential electrical issues.

A lawyer representing the survivors told the newspaper there were many reports of non-functioning smoke detectors and electrical fires before last week's tragedy. The families of the victims said there is much more to be sifted through in finding a cause of the fire.

A full hearing to determine if the demolition will be further delayed is scheduled for Thursday at Middlesex Superior Court.

Last week's early morning fire killed seven people, including three children.