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Family of Lawrence teen killed in explosions to sue Columbia Gas

By The Associated Press 2 hrs ago



Leonel Rondon
File photo

The family of a teen killed when a series of natural gas explosions and fires rocked Lawrence, Andover and North Andover plans to file a wrongful death lawsuit against the utility company.

Attorney Doug Sheff told reporters Thursday that Columbia Gas was reckless and should have to pay for last month's death of Leonel Rondon.

The high school junior had just gotten his driver's license and pulled his RAV4 into his friend's driveway when the explosion flattened the house and sent the chimney toppling onto his car.

Sheff said Rondon's family "wants justice." He said the complaint will be filed at a later date.

The National Transportation Safety Board said over-pressurized gas lines caused the explosions.

A Columbia Gas spokesman said the company won't comment on the litigation, but said their "hearts go out to the Rondon family."

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