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**COUPLE NARROWLY ESCAPE BLAST THAT DESTROYS
HIGH RIDGE HOME.(Metro)**Article from: St Louis Post-Dispatch (MO) | October 28, 1999 | Rowden, Tim | [Copyright](#)

A High Ridge couple narrowly escaped Wednesday when an explosion ripped through their log home at 7 Rainbow Drive in High Ridge.

Steve Milligan, 33, and Laura Schannot, 23, were shaken out of bed shortly after 7 a.m. when a blast tore through their one-and-a-half story home, breaking out the windows and engulfing the house in flames.

Schannot broke her right ankle when she went through a window onto the porch roof and leapt to the yard below. She was treated and released at St. Anthony's Medical Center in south St. Louis County.

Schannot said she could hear fire crackling on the first floor and saw flames shooting up through the broken windows as she fled. "I could feel the heat on the back of my legs getting hotter," she said.

Milligan tried to free the couple's dogs. A 9-year-old yellow Labrador mix named Mabel survived but fled into the neighborhood. The couple's collie died.

Laclede Gas spokesman Rick Hargraves said the service line and main appeared to be in good working order.

High Ridge Fire Marshal Charles Lenhart said investigators were looking at the home's electrical lines, gas lines, fireplace, stove and furnace to try to determine what happened.

Firefighters from High Ridge, Fenton, Springdale, Valley Park and Shady Valley were called in.

Milligan and Schannot work for QuikTrip stores.

Jean Woolery, director of the Jefferson County Humane Society, said volunteers searched for the missing dog. Mabel wears a rabies collar. Anyone with information can call Milligan's mother, Joan Milligan, at (314) 517-8732, or the Humane Society hot line at (314) 836-7585.

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Mabel