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"You've got coal dust all along the outside window sills and even on the inside of your window, where it comes through the screens. It's nasty."

-Curtis Bay Resident





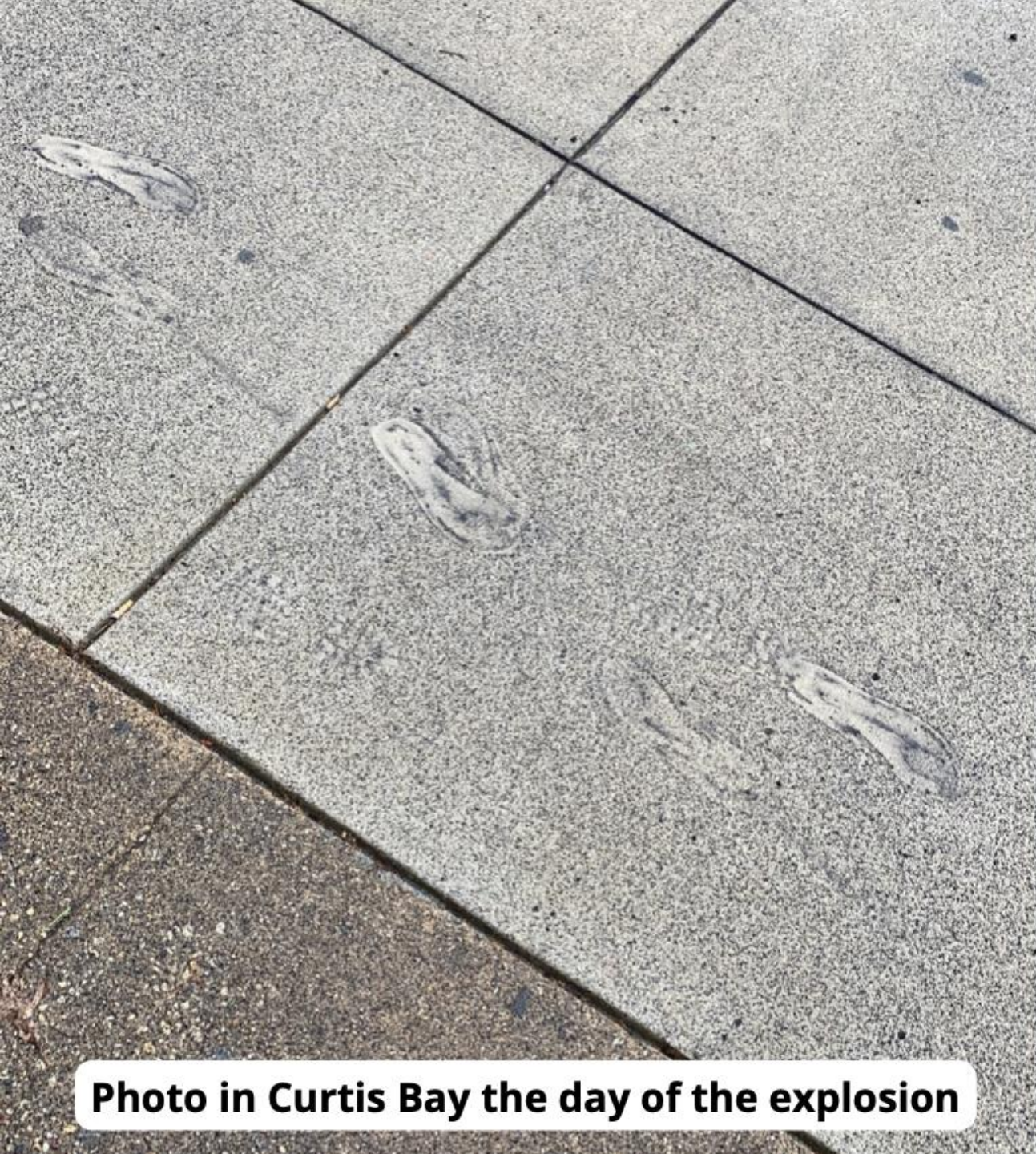
**"The coal dust
covers everything.**

**Even your
windshields. It's
nasty, it gets all
over you."**

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"It was me, my fiancé and my 1 year old son. It really scared me. We ran into the field praying to god nothing else happened. I'm still pretty shaken up about it and I hope things can change around here."

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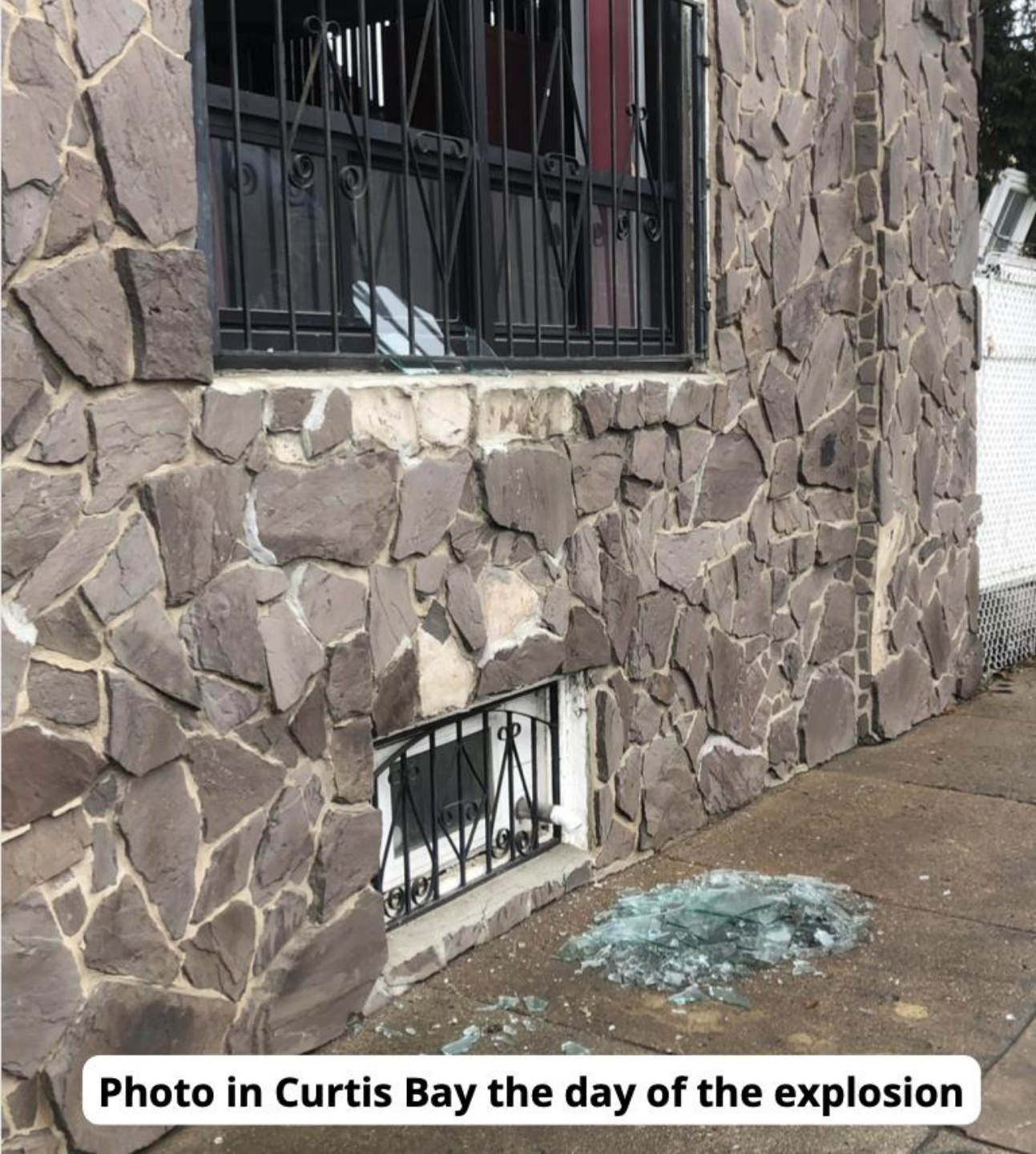


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"We were walking down Curtis Ave and we saw about 5 explosions happen and we are now seeing busted windows. I would like to see better air quality and an explanation about what happened."

-Curtis Bay Resident





" I just felt this pressure. I didn't know what it was. I was frozen, my kids are freaking out. And then the boom."

-Curtis Bay Resident



" We haven't opened up the windows to get fresh air in 10 years. We realized it was coal dust, it's coming in the house. We don't want it in the house so shut the windows, don't open them."

-Curtis Bay Resident



" My kids have asthma. I don't open up my windows because of the dust and it's usually black dust so naturally I think it's coal dust. So I don't open up my windows because it comes in the house and then everything is black "

-Curtis Bay Resident



"When It's a great day it's never, let's do something outside here (in Curtis Bay). It's going out of the community to get open and fresh air."

-Curtis Bay Resident



"They are saying go inside, but if you must go outside, wear a mask. And that was all we heard. Stay inside, but for how long? We didn't get any calls from MDE, from anybody."

-Curtis Bay Resident



"My daughter and her youngest baby had just walked down that way and then it happened BOOM BOOM! And I was panicked. I just lost it. "

-Curtis Bay Resident



"We had a pool for my grandson but there was this black soot all on top of the water and all on top of the rim of the pool...so we had to wipe it off everyday or empty it everyday." -Curtis Bay Resident



"In the house, if you open the windows it's black all over everyday. This is since I've been here in Curtis Bay."

-Curtis Bay Resident



"I had a lot of students who at a young age, 3 or 4, developed asthma and I knew it was largely based on the factories in this area."

-Curtis Bay Resident



"3 days out of the week you will come across some unpleasant smells, odors. You don't really want to cook out on the grill because you don't want to endure that smell."

-Curtis Bay Resident



"The recent explosion happened blocks away but it felt like something ran into the house or like the house collapsed which was a scary feeling and you're always on guard, you don't know if something is going to blow up and if it blows up how it's going to affect your house."

-Curtis Bay Resident



"As a former teacher at Curtis Bay Elementary quite frankly I said I would never live in this community because of the hazards of the fumes and the conditions it caused my students."

-Curtis Bay Resident



"The coal pier...that's why people don't want to move down here. That's why people have sold their houses to rental companies."

-Curtis Bay Resident



"That could be the best thing they've ever done, is get rid of the coal pier. Get rid of the coal pier."

-Curtis Bay Resident



"The part I can't understand is why they have a coal pier here? Why do they need a coal pier in a residential district? That's number 1."

-Curtis Bay Resident



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"That was one nasty explosion, it was almost like a hydrogen bomb went off. It actually shook the houses here on Church Street."

-Curtis Bay Resident





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**Look at the people in West Virginia that died from black lung, from coal dust. So you bring it here in the city, in Curtis Bay and you spread it all around?
-Curtis Bay Resident**

