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A ballistics experiment staged by Discovery Channel's 'Mythbusters' took an ugly turn Tuesday afternoon when a cannonball smashed through someone's house and into a minivan in East Dublin, California.

The mishap occurred when the 'MythBusters' crew were firing cannonballs through several barrels of water on the grounds of the Alameda County Sheriff's Department bomb disposal range.

On Wednesday, the stars of the show apologized to the families whose houses were damaged during the terrible cannon accident.

"I can't imagine how angry I would be if this happened to me," host Adam Savage said. "We do nonstandard things all the time and we've been doing them safely for nine years, this is the worst thing we can imagine happening."

The cannonball accident:- The cannonball was fired over 50 times with no incident. However, during one of the shots, it missed the intended target, whizzing past the barrels, through the concrete wall, over a nearby hillside right into the Tassajara Creek neighborhood some 700 yards away.

The 6-inch projectile traveling at an extraordinary speed burst through a house's front door, raced up the stairs and blasted through a bedroom, leaving a "perfectly round hole in the stucco" next to a second-floor window, before exiting through the back.

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The cannonball then bounced across the street, ripped out several tiles from the roof of another home and smashed the window and dashboard of a parked minivan, before it came to a stop.

Fortunately no one was hurt, since the occupants of the wrecked home were all asleep and no one was near the minivan during the incident.

“They didn’t actually hear the cannonball come through the house, what woke them up was the settling of the sheetrock,” Alameda County Sheriff's Department spokesman Sgt. J.D. Nelson told reporters after the incident.

Safety protocol observed:- The TV show has used the firing range in hundreds of experiments without major mishap. Discovery said that an explosives safety expert for the Alameda County Sheriff's Department was present at the time of the incident and safety protocol was followed. The stars of the show apologized to the families whose houses were damaged during the terrible cannon accident. The cannonball was fired over 50 times with no incident.

Meanwhile, the network is reviewing the situation and working on a settlement with property owners for damage incurred. During one of the shots, it missed the intended target, whizzing past the barrels, through the concrete wall, over a nearby hillside right into the Tassajara Creek neighborhood some 700 yards away.

"Very unfortunate that it happened, very fortunate that no one got hurt," Sgt. J.D. Nelson said. "The range is shut down as of now, except for emergency detonations, until we can review all the policies

and practices up there."

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