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Firefighters: Fallen candle led to blaze

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TAMPA - Fire investigators say a burning candle left unattended sparked a fire that caused at least \$75,000 damage to a Braddock Street home.

The blaze broke out just after midnight Tuesday. Fire crews were able to quickly bring it under control and they found no one in the house at the time.

The man who lives in the home, 34-year-old Hector Zamora, told investigators he left several aroma candles burning when he left the house around 11 p.m. Firefighters say **one of the candles is believed to have fallen over, causing flames to spread to a nearby artificial**

plant and a couch.

Extensive damage was seen throughout the house, investigators said.

Fires caused by burning candles are not very common, but are easily avoided. Firefighters remind everyone to never leave lit candles unattended and to keep them away from curtains, furniture, or other flammable material.

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