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Press Release

Today's Date: 10/16/10
Date & Time Occurred: 10/16/10 at 11:44 a.m.
Submitted By: Sgt. Charlie Spruill
Phone: 707-449-5200
Case Number: 10-07865
Type of Crime/Incident: Suspicious Device
Location: 6291 Vanden Road
Suspects: Unknown

Narrative:

On October 16, 2010 at approximately 11:44 a.m., Callison School officials were notified that a juvenile had located a suspicious object in the front parking lot of the school. The juvenile notified an adult who called the Vacaville Police Department. Based on the description of the device, responding officers setup a perimeter for the safety of others nearby. The school and several homes in the area were evacuated. Traffic was detoured around the affected area for approximately two hours.

The Solano County protocol for suspicious/explosive devices was initiated. The USAF Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Team from Travis Air Force Base responded to the scene. The EOD team determined the object appeared to be a pipe bomb. The decision was made for safety reasons to detonate the device in place.

The Vacaville Police Department, the Vacaville Fire Department and Travis EOD team ensured a safe perimeter was in place and all persons were evacuated from the affected area. Travis EOD detonated the device at 12:36 p.m. There were no injuries or damage from the detonation of the device. Investigation showed the device was constructed to look like a pipe bomb; however, it contained no explosive components. Further investigation showed the device was constructed to look like a pipe bomb, but was actually part of a computer and internet scavenger hunt type game called geocaching.

The Vacaville Police Department would like to remind people to be responsible when participating in any type of game that may create a threat to the safety of others. The investigation will continue to determine whether there was criminal intent. This internet game caused a disruption to the quality of life in the Vacaville community and caused the response of numerous resources. The Vacaville Police and Fire Departments take the safety of the community very seriously and would like to thank the individuals affected for their cooperation during this event.