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Press Release

Today's Date: 03/27/11
Date & Time Occurred: 03/27/11 at 10:20 a.m.
Submitted By: Mark Mazzaferro, PIO
Phone: 707-449-5371; (707) 301-9559 (cell)
Type of Crime/Incident: Explosive device detonated in neighborhood
Location: 900 Block of Cashel Circle, Vacaville
Suspects: None at this time

POLICE SEEK SUSPECT IN SUNDAY MORNING EXPLOSION

Vacaville police are investigating an explosion that took place in the Browns Valley area Sunday morning that injured a resident.

Police received calls from residents at approximately 10:20 a.m. of an explosion. Officers responded and discovered a resident with serious injuries.

The resident, who police are not naming, had gone to the front of his home to pick up his Sunday newspaper. When he picked it up, it exploded. The injured man was taken by air ambulance to an area hospital. His condition is unknown at this time. An explosive device had apparently been placed inside the newspaper.

Police immediately cordoned off the area and evacuated residents. Between 40 and 50 homes were evacuated, and an emergency shelter at the Three Oaks Community Center was opened. Some residents elected to shelter in place. It is not known how many residents were evacuated, or how many remained in their homes.

Police also contacted the Travis Air Force Base bomb squad; the FBI; the ATF; and the California Highway Patrol for assistance.

A search of the immediate neighborhood was conducted by these agencies using bomb-sniffing dogs and other bomb-detecting equipment, and no other devices were found. Police have not determined the type of device yet, but early reports of it being a liquid acid bottle-based device were incorrect. Reports of multiple devices being found and detonated were also incorrect.

Police also responded to calls from concerned residents in other areas of the city regarding suspicious packages, but no other devices were found.

As of 4 p.m. police were allowing residents to return to their homes in the impacted neighborhood, except for those homes closest to the crime scene, as the investigation is ongoing and evidence is still being collected.

No suspects have been named at this time, nor has a motive been established. Police believe this was a single incident, and there is no reason to believe other devices will be found elsewhere in the City.

If anyone has any information regarding this incident, please contact the Vacaville Police Department at (707) 449-5200.