



Banning Police Department

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Press Release

Date: August 15, 2008

Location: 380 West Barbour Street

Incident: Hazardous Device Team Activation

On Friday, August 15, 2008, at approximately 2028 hours, the Banning Police Department's Dispatch Center received a call from a resident at the Windscape Village Apartments, located at 380 West Barbour Street. The resident reported a suspicious container on the property and requested the Police Department investigate.

Upon arrival, Officers located the container, which was in the shape of a bottle, near the 4th Street side of the apartment complex. Upon examining the bottle, it appeared suspicious. The Fire Department, Hazardous Materials Team, and the Riverside County Sheriff's Department's Hazardous Device Team (HDT), responded to investigate. HDT originally determined the bottle to be a "Compression Bomb" and detonated the bottle as a means of rendering it safe.

HDT technicians determined the bottle was not a bomb or a destructive device as they originally believed. HDT believed it was created to erupt without an ignition system and cause a loud bang. Although this was not a destructive device, the necessary precautions and procedures were followed by all of the agencies involved to insure the safety of the community. This investigation took approximately four hours to conduct.

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