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POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Found Explosive Device

Location: 732 E. Santa Clara St (Leewood Motel)

Date/Time Occurred: 1/9/17 @ 1118 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura City Code Enforcement, Ventura County Sheriff's Bomb Squad

Report #: 17-00387

Narrative:

On the above date and time, inspectors from Ventura City Code Enforcement were conducting a follow up inspection of the Leewood Motel, 732 E. Santa Clara St., which had recently been red tagged due to a structure fire that closed the motel.

While doing the inspection, the inspector found what appeared to be a live grenade in one of the rooms. Officers responded and requested the assistance of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad. Because of the fire, the motel was already vacant of residents, but the immediate area was secured. The bomb squad removed the grenade, although later determined that it was inert.

The grenade was later destroyed.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org

If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

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