

Suspicious Device Investigation

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Incident Number: 14-0044627

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Incident Type: Suspicious Device Investigation

Date/Time of Incident: July 14, 2014, 17:13 hours

Incident Location: 1400 Block of Poli Street, Ventura, CA

Injuries: none

Fire Equipment: 1 ALS Engine Company, 1 Hazardous Materials Unit, 1 Command Unit

Total Fire Personnel: 7

Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire Department, Ventura Police Department, Ventura County Sheriff Department Bomb Squad, Federal Bureau of Investigation WMD Coordinator

Fire personnel responded to a hazard investigation. Upon arrival the first arriving engine company determined the device found to be emitting a gaseous substance and suspicious in nature. An exclusion zone was established and VPD was requested. The VCSD Bomb Squad was then requested based on the appearance and behavior of the device. An FBI WMD Coordinator and a Ventura City Hazardous Materials Unit also responded. A public notification was sent out to nearby residents using the VCAAlert system. An entry was performed by VCSD using a remote control bomb disposal robot.

After careful investigation it was determined that the device was actually a commercially available insect collection device, one that uses dry-ice to emit carbon dioxide gas to attract and capture mosquitoes. No hazards related to humans or to the environment were present, however the device was collected and properly disposed of to avoid further public concern.





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