



PRESS RELEASE

Deputies Responded to a Report of an Explosive Device at the International School of Beaverton

June 21, 2014 - At 12:30 p.m. Washington County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of an injured woman. The 40-year-old Spokane woman received an injury to the back of her head while inside a porta-potty. She was struck what was described as a small explosion. She was treated at Tuality Hospital and released.

Washington County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a possible bomb at the International School of Beaverton, located at 17770 SW Blanton Street in the community of Aloha. Upon arrival, deputies rendered aid to the victim and cordoned off the area of the explosion. Subsequently the entire area was evacuated to safeguard crowds attending a regional softball tournament at the school.

Deputies then contacted the Portland Police Bureau Bomb Squad who responded to assist with a search of the area and assessment of the explosive device. The investigation determined that the explosion was very likely caused by a home made device using chemicals that are readily available at any grocery store. When this mix combined, it caused the explosive reaction. A thorough search revealed no additional devices at the school or adjacent park.

The search of the area around the school and Arnold Park took several hours and the area was reopened to the public at 3:20 p.m.

At 3:45 p.m., Deputies received a second call regarding a similar explosive device. This originated from approximately a quarter of a mile south of the International School of Beaverton on SW 180th Avenue. The device was located by a home owner at 12:45 p.m., but not reported to deputies until later. The device was placed into a mailbox where it exploded causing minor damage. Investigating deputies believe these two incidents are related.

Washington County Sheriff's Detectives will conduct follow up interviews with the victims and witnesses in the next few days.

If anyone has information about the incident, they are asked to call the dispatch non-emergency number at 503-629-0111 and ask to speak to an on-duty deputy.