



Ukiah Police Department

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Press Release: Suspicious device found UPD case # 16-1629

On June 5th at about 7:30 am, UPD officers were dispatched to Yokayo School on South Dora Street on a report of a suspicious device found by a Ukiah citizen. The citizen reported that he was near the dumpsters at the school, when he observed a device wrapped in duct-tape with a wick sticking out of the top. The citizen moved the device to the sidewalk and flagged down a passing jogger, who in turn contacted the Ukiah Police Department. UPD officers responded, evaluated the device and suspected that it could be a crude homemade explosive device. The area was secured and the Sonoma County Bomb Squad was contacted and responded to assist. Once members from the Bomb Squad arrived, they X-rayed the device and determined it was safe to handle. The device was disassembled and collected as evidence. After the incident, officers responded to every school in the area and conducted a search of the exteriors of the schools. No similar devices were found. The Ukiah Police Department has been in contact and working with representatives of the Ukiah Unified School District regarding the issue.

As always, our mission at UPD is simple: to make Ukiah as safe as possible. If you would like to know more about crime in your neighborhood, you can sign up for telephone, cell phone and email notifications by clicking the Nixle button on our website: www.ukiahpolice.com.