



HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
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Subject: Explosive Ordnance Disposal

Case: 201005017

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On 07-28-2010 at about 1200 hours a concerned citizen contacted the Sheriff's Department regarding a possible found explosive device located in the 2400 block of Sandy Prairie Road, Alton.

A Deputy responded to the scene and identified the item as an intact military style hand grenade, possibly of Russian design and origin. The Deputy set up a safety perimeter around the grenade and requested the Humboldt County Sheriff's Bomb Squad respond to the scene.

The bomb squad responded to the scene and used a remote controlled robot to inspect the item from a safe distance. After visually inspecting the grenade, the bomb squad was unable to determine if the grenade was a functional item of explosive ordnance.

Using the robot and a percussion actuated neutralizer the bomb squad rendered the grenade safe at the scene. In the process of rendering the grenade safe, parts of the grenade were spread over a large area and the bomb squad was unable to determine if the grenade was live or not when it was found.

It is unknown who was in possession of the grenade or how it ended up where it was found. The grenade appeared somewhat weather worn and could have been at it's location for an extended period of time.