



# Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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**Subject:** Bottle Bombs

**Case:** 201403060

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 07-05-2014, at approximately 9:15 p.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from a citizen who located two possible homemade fireworks near the south bleachers of McKinleyville High School, McKinleyville.

When the deputy arrived at the high school, the citizen pointed out two plastic bottles wrapped in black tape. One bottle was two liters in size; the other was approximately 16 ounces in size. Both appeared to contain a white powdery substance inside. The deputy recognized the devices as bottle bombs and called for a trained Explosive Ordinance Disposal (E.O.D.) deputy to respond to the scene. The bottle bombs were rendered safe by the E.O.D. deputy.

These devices have caused a number of injuries, including series chemical burns, eye irritation or blindness, limb and facial injuries and hearing damage. They are a felony to possess or build, and if convicted punishable by imprisonment up to six years.

If you find such a device do not handle it, back away and call 911.

The investigation into who constructed and left the bottle bombs behind is ongoing.

Anyone with information for the Sheriffs Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriffs Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriffs Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

Mike Downey  
Sheriff

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