



I. DATE OF PRESS RELEASE: April 11, 2012

II. INCIDENT: Detonation of a Destructive Device

III. FACTUAL INFORMATION:

On April 10, 2012, about 3:50 p.m., Livermore Police responded to the area of the 700 block of South "O" Street on a report of either gunshots or explosions heard, and a vehicle seen fleeing the area. Upon arrival, officers discovered that three chemical reaction explosive devices had been detonated on a residential property. There was no evidence that gunshots had been fired. Witnesses provided a suspect vehicle description. Officers on scene broadcast the description to other police units.

About 3:45 p.m., officers located and stopped the suspect vehicle in the Livermore Downtown area. Evidence linking the three occupants to the crime was found in the vehicle. All three occupants in the vehicle were taken into custody on charges of possession and detonating a destructive device; both are felonies.

All three devices detonated at the bottom of a residential property driveway near the street. No reports of injuries or property damage were received.

The chemical reaction explosive device has been in existence at least twenty years. It usually consists of a plastic water or soda bottle filled with a chemical solution, then sealed with the screw top lid. The chemical reaction of the solution releases gas that builds pressure in the bottle until the bottle structure fails and eventually explodes. Depending on the proximity and size of the bottle and amount of solution, the concussion and release of chemicals from the explosion can cause injury or death.

Officers determined that the suspects in this case knew at least one of the residents of the property where the bombs were detonated. The suspects claimed that the act was a prank and not intended to cause injury or damage.

The Livermore Police Department wishes to inform the public that, in addition to the inherent hazards of these devices, detonating such a device or merely possessing materials with intent to manufacture or detonate a device is a felony.

IV. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 700 Block of South "O" Street, Livermore

V. SUBJECTS ARRESTED/INVOLVED IN INVESTIGATION:

Andrew Cable, 18 yrs, out of Livermore, and a 16 year-old male and 15-year-old female juvenile, both from Livermore.

VI. CONTACT PERSON: PIO Sergeant John Hurd

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