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MEDIA ADVISORY: Two Separate Calls Keep Sheriff's Explosive Ordinance Disposal Team Busy

Members of the Fresno County Sheriff's Explosive Ordinance Disposal Team responded to two separate calls on Monday, 3-19-07.

At approximately 12:00pm, Deputies responded to the 400 block of Fourth St. in the city of Mendota regarding a 911 call. A resident had found what appeared to be a pipe bomb in the bed of his pick up truck. The EOD Team responded and the bomb was rendered safe. No suspects have been identified as of this time and the investigation is continuing.

At approximately 2:00pm, Deputies responded to a residence on Chipmunk Lane in the Meadow Lakes area in Eastern Fresno County. The resident of the property, a former Marine Corp veteran, had recently passed away. During an inventory of the property, a pineapple grenade and a red phosphorus grenade were located. Both appeared to be souvenirs and had been in storage for a long period of time, leading to the instability of both. The EOD Team responded and rendered both devices safe with no damage to the property.

Anyone with information regarding either of these two incidents is asked to contact the Sheriff's Department at 488-3111.