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MEDIA ADVISORY: Juvenile Injured After Vandalizing Mailbox

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims today announced the arrest of three juveniles on charges of using an explosive device and vandalism.

On June 16th at approximately 12:30am, patrol deputies responded to a residence located in the 1100 block of W. Mesa Ave. regarding a vandalism call.

Upon arrival, the owner of the residence reported that his mailbox had been “blown up”. The owner, and other neighbors in the area had heard a loud explosion before discovering the damage to the mailbox. Witnesses had observed a small white colored vehicle leaving the scene, occupied by several subjects.

Shortly after, a second call was received by the Sheriff's Department regarding an injured person at a residence located in the 600 block of W. Bullard Ave. Deputies responded and located a 16 year old male with chemical burns to his face, hands and arms.

The investigation revealed that the two calls were related and that the juvenile had been part of the group of juveniles who had previously used a “chemical bomb” to blow up the mailbox on W. Mesa Ave.

The juveniles were preparing to use another chemical bomb to blow up a second mailbox when the device exploded in the injured juvenile's hands. He was driven home where a friend called to report his injuries. The juvenile initially refused medical attention but eventually had to be taken to Children's Hospital of Central California in Madera for treatment.

As a result of the investigation, the three juveniles were arrested and later transported to the Fresno County Juvenile Justice Center where they were booked. Charges are pending against the injured juvenile.

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact Detective Ryan Gilbert at 292-1141, the Fresno County Sheriff's Department at 488-3111, or CrimeStoppers at 498-STOP(7867).