

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



MEDIA RELEASE

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On 09/12/16 at approximately 3:00 P.M. the City of Eau Claire Police were dispatched to an address near 3400 Fairfax St reference to investigating a suspicious device. The complainant in the case reported that a suspicious device was located by them, in a nearby wooded area, while out for a walk. They escorted the Eau Claire Police to the device. Upon their arrival it was determined that the device was on the border of the City of Eau Claire and the Town of Washington, Eau Claire County. Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office responded and a joint investigation between the Eau Claire Police and the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office began.

The Officer and Deputy on scene examined the device and concurred with the complainant that it was a suspicious device that would require further resources. The Oneida/Marathon County multi-jurisdictional bomb team was requested. They responded to the scene to assist in the investigation. During the bomb team's investigation, it was determined that the device appeared to be a toy, but that it possessed characteristics similar to that of a live explosive. Based on their conclusion it was determined, for safety reasons, the device would be destroyed on scene and not handled by personal. This posed no hazard to people or property in the immediate area due to the devices remote location.

The Oneida/Marathon County multi-jurisdictional bomb team destroyed the device without incident. No foul play is suspected and there are no suspects related to the placement of this device. The investigation is closed at this point and nothing further follows. For further information see the attached device photos.

Eau Claire Police and Eau Claire County Sheriff's personal were assisted on scene by the Oneida/Marathon County Multi-jurisdictional bomb team as well as Eau Claire Fire and Rescue.