

NEWS RELEASE



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CASE NUMBER: 06-8151

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 09/19/06 9:07 AM

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NATURE OF STORY: Traffic stop involving a potential explosive device

LOCATION: 9th and Whiteaker Cottage Grove

**INVOLVED: Hirst, Nathan Kyle
DOB 10/12/1974**

DETAILS:

While on a traffic stop in Cottage Grove this morning a Sheriff's deputy arrested Hirst on an outstanding warrant. The warrant was for a probation violation for Unauthorized Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule 2.

During the arrest the deputy found what appeared to be an explosive device when searching Hirst. The item was located in his pants pocket.

The device was 4-5 inches in length, wrapped in duct tape and had a fuse attached to it.

The device was secured at the location and the Metro Bomb Team was notified. The Metro Bomb Team consists of members from the Lane County Sheriff's Office and the Eugene Police Department.

The traffic stop and arrest occurred at a gas station in Cottage Grove. To ensure the safety of the public the gas station was taped off and secured while the deputy waited for the Bomb Team response.

Members of the Bomb Team responded to the location and took possession of the device. The device will be tested to determine exactly what it is.

Hirst was charged with Possession of a Destructive Device.

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