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## INFORMATION SOUGHT ABOUT PIPE BOMBS IN DAVENPORT

Polk County Sheriff's detectives, Davenport Police officers, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), and the State Fire Marshall's Office are seeking information about two pipe bombs that were left at a school bus stop in Davenport on Thursday, April 6, 2006.

Two pipe bombs were found laying side-by-side at the base of the stop sign at the intersection of CR 547 and Lugano Court in Davenport, by a father and his son while they waited for a school bus this morning around 7:00 a.m. The father reported the bombs to a nearby Davenport Police officer, who then requested the assistance of PCSO and ATF. The devices were rendered safe by an ATF Explosives Enforcement officer are being processed as evidence.

The pipe bombs are described as: 1 made of white plastic PVC pipe, wrapped in duct and black tape, with a wire protruding from the end, containing a black substance that appears to be powder; and 1 made of metal pipe, also with the same black substance and wire sticking out of the top. Both pipes are about 10 inches long and 1.5 inches in diameter.

Detectives need the public's help in solving this case. If you saw anything or anyone suspicious in the area this morning, please contact your local authorities. **IF YOU DISCOVER A PIPE BOMB, PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH IT. LEAVE THE AREA AND CONTACT AUTHORITIES.**

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact the Polk County Sheriff's Office at (863) 534-6200 or 1-800-226-0344.

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