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PRESS RELEASE

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office conducted a joint explosive device investigation with the Genoa Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF Rockford Field Office), and the Rockford Police Department.

On Monday, June 3, 2019 at 5:52 p.m. the Genoa Police Department responded to the 200 block of Railroad Avenue for a report of subject that displayed a gun to another motorist. Upon further investigation a search of a vehicle was conducted, and an explosive device was recovered in the glove box. No firearms were recovered. Joseph D. Walsh (DOB 1/31/65) of Genoa was arrested and charged with Unlawful Use of Weapons by Genoa PD. He was transported to the DeKalb County Jail and was held pending bond.

On Tuesday June 4th, Genoa PD requested assistance with follow up at Walsh's residence for any explosive devices. A search warrant was obtained and executed at 229 E. Railroad Ave by the DeKalb County Special Operations Team with the assistance of the ATF and Rockford Police Bomb Squad. There were additional explosive devices in the residence along with firearms and ammunition. All of those items were seized.

Walsh was charged with another two counts of Unlawful Use of Weapons (explosive device) and is being held at the DeKalb County Jail.

Detective Sergeant David Aranda