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## Bottle bombs found in Hills; no one hurt

BY JONI HUBRED  
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Residents in a northwest Farmington Hills neighborhood didn't think much about a loud noise they heard around 1:30 a.m. Monday.

When they woke to find an exploded, homemade bottle bomb in their front yard, however, they called Hills police. Officers discovered another, unexploded bottle nearby, which they arranged to have detonated by the Michigan State Police bomb disposal unit.

Later that morning, a third was located near a home on Fair Oaks Drive. While Chief Bill Dwyer didn't want to overstate the danger, he said police took a very cautious approach to getting rid of the devices.

"It's something that could explode in someone's face or take a hand or arm off," he said. "We're concerned about safety. If a child had picked it up and it had exploded in their face, it could have killed them."

From the scene at Fair Oaks, Officer Jon Haupt said no one had an idea why the bottles were placed. He pointed out that recipes for homemade bombs can be found quite easily.

"The information about how to make these is available on the Internet or in books you can obtain by mail order," he said.

Dwyer urged anyone with



Investigate: Officer Mark Meredith gathers pieces of the bomb for evidence.

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**Bill Dwyer**  
—Police Chief

information to call Hills Police, 473-9600. In the meantime, people should use caution when they find any bottle that looks like it may contain an unknown liquid or seems suspicious in any way, he said.



Search: Sgt. Mike Kish and members of the Michigan State Police bomb disposal unit look around the scene after neutralizing the bottle bombs.

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