



Press Release

City of Redondo Beach
Police Department

401 Diamond Street
Redondo Beach, CA 90277
(310) 379-2477

April 6, 2012

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Subject : Military Explosive Devices Recovered

Contact : Captain Jeff Hink (310) 937-6634 / (310) 508-2772

On April 5, 2012 at about 8:10 p.m. the Redondo Beach Police Department received a report from U.S. Marine Corps personnel that two active duty Marines were driving a white Dodge pickup in Redondo Beach and were in possession of military explosives. Officers located the Dodge pickup parked in the parking lot of the Living Spaces Furniture store at 1519 Hawthorne Bl. and detained two adult men that were standing next to the vehicle. The men, identified as Devin Gajewski (24) and Thomas Bazer (20) were active duty Marines stationed at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms. Both Marines admitted to having explosive devices inside the vehicle.

Officers cordoned off the parking lot and evacuated the Living Spaces store and an adjacent Target and Nordstrom Rack store. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Bomb Squad was notified and responded to the scene to conduct an investigation and render the area safe.

The LASD Bomb Squad searched the Dodge pickup and recovered ten (10) military artillery simulator training aids from the interior. These devices, similar in nature to law enforcement "flash bang" devices, are commonly used by the military during training scenarios to get soldiers accustomed to the sound of explosions.

Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) investigators responded to Redondo Beach and took custody of Devin Gajewski and Thomas Bazer. The NCIS will investigate why the two active duty military personnel were in Redondo Beach and in possession of the artillery simulator training aids.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms Public Affairs Officer at (760) 830-5310.