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INFORMATION RELEASE
HAND GRENADE FOUND IN VEHICLE

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Today at 1pm, Solano County Sheriff's Deputies received a call from an employee at Pick-n-Pull on the 4600 block of Air Base Pkwy in Fairfield. The caller reported that they had found a hand grenade in a passenger vehicle while they were cleaning it out. Our deputies and the Suisun Fire District responded to the scene. Upon inspection of the device, deputies also believed the device to be a hand grenade, with the pin still in place.

Pick-n-Pull and surrounding businesses were immediately evacuated for safety at least 200 yards away from the device. The Sheriff's Office contacted the Travis Air Force Base Explosive Ordinance Disposal Team (EOD) who responded as well. After inspecting the device, EOD confirmed the device was a "live" World War II era "pineapple" fragmentation grenade. They collected the hand grenade and safely transported it back to the Air Base where it was detonated and disposed. EOD personnel said the blast radius of that type of hand grenade would have been approximately 75 meters.

Pick-n-Pull was re-opened around 2:30pm, approximately 90 minutes after the original call. The Sheriff's Office is continuing the investigation to determine the origin of the hand grenade as well as the vehicle.

Any citizen who suspects any suspicious or potentially explosive device should immediately back away from the device and contact their local law enforcement or the Solano County Sheriff's Office at (707) 421-7090. Callers may also remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (707) 644-STOP (7867).

If you have any questions regarding this press release, I can be contacted at the phone numbers listed below.

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