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Military Explosive Ordinance Devices

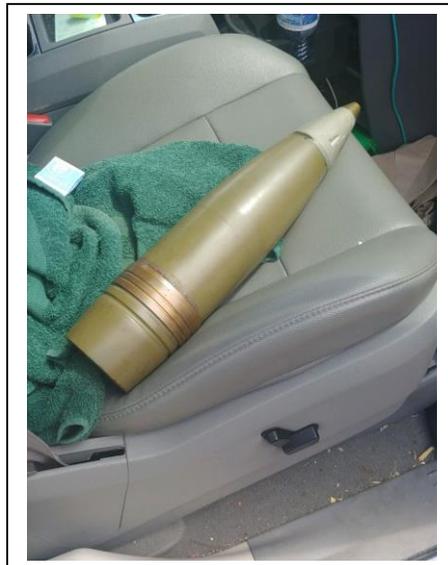
On Friday, 08/16/19 a citizen was cleaning his mother's attic at an address in the City of Janesville when he found an Explosive Ordinance Device (EOD). The citizen, who was unfamiliar with the artillery, loaded the device into his personal vehicle and transported it to the front parking lot of the Rock County Sheriff's Office as he wasn't sure what to do with it.

Once this was reported, officials from the Sheriff's Office immediately blocked off the parking lot and evacuated people from the area. The Rockford Police Department Bomb Squad was contacted and they responded to Janesville to take custody of the device. They were unable to determine the status of the device. The Rockford Police Department Bomb Squad will properly dispose of the device at a later date and time.

The Rock County Sheriff's Office would like to caution citizens about handling these types of devices or any other artillery. The best and safest practice is to quarantine the area, safely evacuate and call 911 as soon as possible.

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