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CITIZEN SAFETY ALERT

The Plano Police Department is currently investigating an incident in which a plastic bottle containing numerous ingredients which expand inside the bottle, were used to cause an explosion. These devices have been referred to as "acid bombs" or "dry ice bombs." Officers have recovered these types of devices in fields, parking areas, and mail boxes in the past.

On July 7, 2007, Plano Police Officers responded to the area of Custer Road and Hedgcoxe Drive where a bottle containing an acid-based substance was located after it had been placed on the front porch of a residence.

According to witness statements the device was placed on the porch and the suspects then knocked on the front door to the residence and ran away. Had the residents opened the door during detonation, it is possible that injuries may have occurred. Please be cautious in approaching these types of devices and be aware of visitors before opening doors to your home.

Although these devices appear to be a type of teenage mischief, they could cause severe injury if you come in close contact with one. Should a detonation of this type of device take place, do not touch any portion of the container or liquid. Instead, please notify your local law enforcement agency immediately.