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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **CITIZEN SAFETY ALERT - UPDATE**

On July 16, 2007 an alert was sent out to the public in reference to several incidents involving plastic bottles that have expanded and burst due to the combining of different ingredients inside the bottle. These have been referred to in the media as "Plastic Bottle Bombs", "Dry Ice Bombs", and "Acid Bombs."

One of these devices was detonated on the porch of a residence in the 1900 block of Paris Avenue on July 7, 2007. Investigators received numerous leads and information from the public involving these incidents which assisted in the identification of the suspects involved in this and several other similar offenses. The three suspects in these incidents are currently being charged with Criminal Mischief.

This on-going investigation has connected these suspects to approximately five other cases involving plastic bottles which have expanded and burst. Interviews with the suspects have also lead investigators to believe that the locations were randomly picked and no certain individual was targeted. In most cases the ingredients of the bottle contained household cleaning products that when mixed expanded inside the bottle causing the bottle to burst.

The three suspects in these cases are juveniles. This investigation is on-going.