

PFPD finds live grenades in Post Falls home

Capt. Greg McLean

The Post Falls Police Department would like to provide updated details regarding the suspicious devices incident that occurred yesterday evening (07/22/15). At approximately 5:30 PM on 07/22/15, the Police Department received information that there were possibly hand grenades in a house in the 500 block of West 12th Ave. Detectives and Officers responded to the house and did locate an undisclosed number of government-issued hand grenades. Upon finding these items, the home was evacuated, but an evacuation of the neighborhood was not necessary based on the location that the grenades were found in the house. Detectives received a search warrant, authorizing the seizure of these grenades. The Spokane Regional Bomb Squad responded to handle the recovery of these items. The grenades were determined to be live, but had their safety features still intact. The 92nd CES/CED from Fairchild Air Force Base also responded to the scene and took custody of the hand grenades, as they are considered property of the US Government.

On 07/23/15, Raymond Edwin Ruprecht was arrested for charges stemming from this incident; Felony Possession of Unlawful Destructive Devices and Felony Possession of Stolen Property. He will have first appearance on 07/24/15 and is being held in the Kootenai County Jail. A charging decision will be made by the Kootenai County Prosecutor on that date. Ruprecht has been cooperative with the investigation.

The Police Department is grateful that this incident resolved in a safe manner. The ATF, the Spokane Regional Bomb Squad, the US Air Force, and the Kootenai County Fire and Rescue assisted our agency in handling this matter.

PREVIOUS RELEASE:

On July 22nd at around 5:30 P.M. Post Falls Police Detectives received information about possible suspicious devices in a residence in the 500 block of west 12th in Post Falls. Units responded to the location and were able to locate the devices. Out of an abundance of caution, Spokane Explosives disposal unit was called to the scene. At around 9 P.M. the devices were examined and found to be safe. This case is under further investigation at this time and no further information will be released tonight. Upon further information, those details will be released at a later date.