

# Press Release

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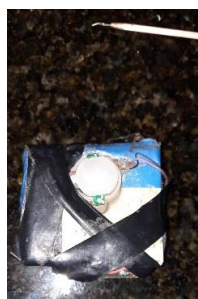
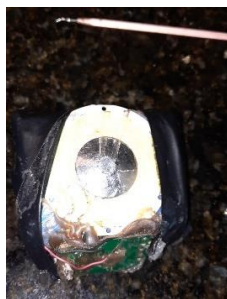
## Suspicious Device

On Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 10:45 A.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department were dispatched to 285 SW Commerce Blvd, Quality Inn, to the report of a suspicious device.

Upon arrival, officers were advised by an employee and shown photos of an unusual device which had been left in a room after the occupants had checked out. The photos of the device were sent to the Alachua County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad. While the photos were being evaluated, the Quality Inn, Ruby Tuesday and Knights Inn were all evacuated out of an abundance of caution.

The Alachua County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad agreed the device was suspicious and responded to the scene. After arrival and further examination, including x-rays of the device with robots, the device was safely removed from the building and determined to be safe.

The following agencies all responded to assist with the incident. Alachua County Sheriff's Office, Lake City Police Department, Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, State Fire Marshall's Office, Lake City Fire Department, and Century Ambulance Service.



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