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SUSPECT ARRESTED AFTER SUSPICIOUS DEVICE PROMPTS LARGE POLICE RESPONSE AND EVACUATIONS

PASADENA, CA– At 5:43 pm on October 29, 2018, the Pasadena Police Department responded to the 500 block of South Raymond Avenue in response to a call of a suspicious device at the location. Officers responded and located the device. The immediate area was evacuated and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad was summoned.

Investigators were able to retrieve the device and render it safe. The device was an empty plastic container that was affixed to a shipping truck by way of magnets. A sweep of the area for any other devices was conducted and nothing was located. The investigation lead to the person who returned the shipping truck to the facility where it was found parked. That subject was identified as Theodore Bancarz, a Glendale, CA. resident. Investigators contacted Bancarz at his residence and he was arrested for two misdemeanor drug warrants.

Bancarz denied the device was hazardous, telling investigators it was commonly utilized to secrete his drugs and paraphernalia outside of a vehicle by way of magnets when he was in transit. A search of the suspect's residence revealed a similar container that enclosed drugs and paraphernalia. Bancarz was arrested for drug violations and released on a citation to appear in Pasadena Court on January 29, 2019.

Interim Police Chief John E. Perez states, "We thank our neighboring public safety jurisdictions for their prompt assistance in this matter, along with cooperation of the public. Out of an abundance of caution we took appropriate measures to make sure public safety remained a top priority. Hopefully this quick arrest helps ease any concerns."

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Plastic container found at Bancarz' residence.



Contents of plastic container found at Bancarz' residence.