

Westminster Police Department

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Acid Bombs Found**  
**PUBLIC ADVISORY**

Date: July 5, 2014

Suspect: No suspect information

Location: 14600 block of Ralph Ln., Westminster

**Westminster, CA: On July 5, 2014**, at approximately 9:00 AM, Westminster Police Officers responded to the 14600 block of Ralph Ln. for the report of suspicious bottles containing unknown liquid that were left in the rear alley.

Officers arrived and began an investigation. They located two clear, 2 liter plastic bottles containing a cloudy liquid and other evidence indicative of acid bombs. The area was cordoned off and the Orange County Bomb Squad was notified.

The bomb squad later arrived and determined the bottles were in fact undetonated acid bombs. The bombs were rendered safe. No one was injured and no property was damaged. "Making destructive devices like the ones we found today can harm someone. We are initiating a criminal investigation and we will work closely with the bomb squad in order to identify the suspects. This is a well-traveled alley way where kids often play and this could have ended in tragedy," said Sgt. Cameron Knauerhaze.

"We want to remind people to be very cautious in handling any suspicious chemicals or devices. In this case, the acid bombs were inside 2 liter soda bottles and they obviously did not contain soda. If the bottle appears expanded from its normal shape or the paper is torn, this indicates the bottle is under pressure and may explode. Do not handle these devices. Call 911 and keep a safe distance," added Sgt. Knauerhaze.

Anyone who has information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Westminster Police Department at (714) 898-3315. Callers can remain anonymous. Anonymous tips can also be given to Orange County Crime Stoppers by calling 1-855-TIP-OCCS or by logging on to [Crimestoppers.org](http://Crimestoppers.org)

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