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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date:** Saturday, January 19, 2008  
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### **Suspicious Device Located**

**Riverside, CA --** On Saturday, January 19, 2008, at about 12:45 p.m. the Riverside Police Communications received a 911 call from family members of a deceased relative. They had been at an apartment in the 600-block of Central Avenue cleaning it out when they found a hand grenade behind a piece of furniture. The hand grenade was removed from the apartment and placed near a driveway prior to the police being called.

When Riverside Police Officers arrived they found the hand grenade next to a driveway and near several other apartment buildings. A perimeter was established and several apartments had to be evacuated for safety reasons as explosive experts examined the device. Members of the Riverside Police Department Technical Services Unit responded along with the Riverside Sheriff's Department Multi-Disciplinary Team. The ordinance was determined to be inert and removed. After three hours the residents were able to return to their apartments.

Because the owner of the hand grenade is deceased there are no pending criminal charges or investigation. The hand grenade is now in the possession of the Riverside Police Department and will be properly disposed of.

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