



PRESS RELEASE

BROOMFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Type of Incident: Suspicious Incident
Location: Open Space west of 18th Ave. and Iris St. and
Open Space west of Kohl St. and Ridgeview Cir.
Date and Time Occurred: August 13, 2013 at 10:28 p.m. and
August 14, 2013 at 8:42 a.m.
Case Report #: 13-4322

UPDATE

On August 19, 2013 the Broomfield Police Department received a phone call from a Broomfield resident in response to the media release requesting contact from the owner of the suspicious objects found in the open space. The caller stated that he had placed both devices with his daughter as part of a photography project. He was apologetic, explaining that he never meant to scare anyone or cause alarm.

These devices, commonly referred to as "long-exposure pin-hole cameras", work by exposing photo-paper to a very small amount of light over a great amount of time (from hours to up to 6-months). The exposure to light over this long period of time "burns" an image onto the paper. These types of "cameras" are often deployed by photography students or children.

The caller's cooperation was much appreciated and he was given the recommendation to put a large sign with his contact information on it for any similar future photography projects.

On August 13, 2013 at 10:28 p.m., a citizen reported a suspicious object adhered to a park bench in the open space area west of W. 18th Ave. and Iris St. The Adams County Hazardous Device Unit was asked to assess the object. They responded that night and determined the object was not a danger to the community.

On August 14, 2013 at 8:42 a.m., another suspicious object was located, adhered to a fence in the open space area northwest of Ridgeview Circle and Kohl St. As with the incident the night before, the Adams County Hazardous Device Unit responded. This object was also determined to not be a danger.

Further investigation revealed both of these objects appear to have been photographic projects. The devices are believed to be homemade long-term pinhole cameras, using a sealed can with a small hole and photographic paper inside.

The appearance of these raised concerns for the safety of Broomfield residents. The Broomfield Police recommends that anyone placing objects such as this in public areas to put identifying information, such as what the item is and contact information. If the police are called to investigate, the owner can be contacted to confirm the object is not a threat to the public.

Below are photographs of what these two objects looked like.

There are no charges pending in this case, but the Broomfield Police Department is asking that the owner of these devices please contact Detective Mike Svela at 303-438-6400.



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Commander Linda Haines
Supervisor's Signature

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Date