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Media Release

Incident: Improvised Explosive Device
Location: 6401 Highway 40, Midway Travel Plaza
Date & time: 01-21-2019 @ 8:08 A.M.
Case Number: 19-0260

Details:

On 01-21-2019 around 8:08 A.M., Deputies with the Boone County Sheriff's Department were dispatched to a trespass subject call at 6401 Highway 40, Midway Travel Plaza. While responding, Deputies learned a male subject had been asked to leave the property after attempting to start a fire.

While responding, Deputies were advised by Joint Communications that the male subject had contacted them by phone. The male subject told Joint Communications he had an improvised explosive device inside a back pack and he would be waiting for Deputies.

Deputies arrived and attempted to communicate with the male subject. Deputies attempted to get the male subject to walk away from the backpack, but he refused. There were multiple people in the area who could have been impacted if an explosive device detonated, so Deputies used a designated less than lethal shotgun to fire one beanbag round at the subject. Deputies were able to detain the subject and transported him to the hospital for a medical evaluation.

Deputies requested assistance from the Columbia Fire Department Bomb Squad to evaluate the backpack. The Bomb Squad evaluated the back pack and rendered it safe. The back pack did not contain an explosive device.

The investigation is continuing.

Suspects are considered innocent until found guilty in a court of law.

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