

Wauconda Police Department

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Methamphetamine/Possible Explosive Device Investigation

Wauconda, Illinois - Wauconda Police Department Officers responded to 720 East Liberty Street (Route 176) Apartment 3A at 3:02 p.m. on Monday June 29th to investigate information received related to possible drug activity. Wauconda Police requested the assistance of the Lake County Metropolitan Enforcement Group in this investigation, as it was alleged there was a methamphetamine production operation possibly at the residence.

Wauconda Police Officers discovered a possible explosive device in the apartment and evacuated residents in the apartment buildings and residents nearby as well as closed Route 176 to all traffic to ensure the safety of residents and motorists.

Wauconda Fire District personnel responded to assist with evacuation of residents and equipment to help with lighting the scene. Wauconda Public Works personnel, Community Emergency Response Team and Emergency Management Agency personnel also responded to assist with maintaining road closure.

Waukegan Fire Department Bomb Squad personnel responded and removed the suspected explosive device. Bomb Squad personnel also determined the suspected device posed no danger and that it was not an explosive device.

Illinois State Police Methamphetamine Response Team was requested to assist with investigating the potential threat of the suspected methamphetamine production operation. The ISP Methamphetamine Response Team assists Police Departments in making a determination regarding the level of danger or potential hazard that might exist in investigations of this nature where a methamphetamine production operation is suspected. The ISP Methamphetamine Response Team is also trained in determining how best to mitigate those types of hazards.

Agents from Lake County Metropolitan Enforcement Group obtained charges through the Lake County State's Attorney's Office for Bruce W. Keener Jr. (W/M 04-01-1980) a resident of the apartment for Unlawful Participation of Methamphetamine Production, Aggravated Unlawful Possession of a Firearm during the Unlawful Production of Methamphetamine Production, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, and Unlawful Possession of Drug Equipment.

Mr. Keener was held for a bond hearing to be conducted on June 30th. A firearm was recovered from the residence as well, several containers related to the production of methamphetamine. The ISP Methamphetamine Response Team removed all the hazardous materials and the local residents were advised they could return to their homes. The roads were also reopened to traffic.

Investigation continues by the Lake County Metropolitan Enforcement Group with the cooperation of the Wauconda Police Department.

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