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The Dodge County Sheriff's Department is investigating two separate explosions that occurred in Dodge County within the last 36 hours. The first consisted of a improvised explosive device (IED) that was placed in a rural mailbox on Prospect Road in the Township of Burnett. The second incident occurred last night at 10:30 p.m., which destroyed a portable latrine at the Lost Lake Park in the Town of Calamus. In the second incident, evidence shows that the second improvised explosive device that was detonated was affixed to containers of liquefied gas for greater affect.

"This is not child's play or a prank, this is serious incident and it appears as if the actors may be testing certain configurations to create the device that will create the greatest amount of damage," stated Sheriff Todd Nehls.

"The criminal use of explosives is a serious crime that threatens public safety. Had the one at Lost Lake been used in an area where people were gathered, several would have been killed and many more injured," stated Detective Robert Neuman.

Authorities are releasing still photographs of three young men shopping in a Beaver Dam store making a purchase of pipe similar to that used in these two explosions. Anyone who may be able to identify these subjects or provide information are asked to call the Sheriff's Dept at 920-386-3740 and ask for Lt. Joanne Swyers or Det. Robert Neuman, or to remain anonymous contact the WeTip hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME or 1-888-ATF-BOMB..

There is a reward being offered of \$5,000.00 each (\$15,000.00 total) from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Wisconsin Arson Insurance Council, and U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives for information leading to the arrest and conviction of these suspects. Agencies working with the Dodge County Sheriff's Department on this case include FBI, WI Dept. of Justice, Criminal Investigation Division, U.S. Postal Inspectors Office, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives. Assistance` has also been provided by the Beaver Dam Police department and Beaver Dam Fire Department Dive Team.

"As one can see by the list of agencies involved and reward amount that this is a serious investigation with serious implications," stated Nehls

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