



PRESS RELEASE

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The Centralia Police Department, in cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Washington State Patrol Bomb Squad, is investigating an explosion in an ATM at the First Security Bank in Centralia located at 604 S. Tower Ave.

The explosion occurred at approximately 0640 hours, and was caused by an unknown improvised explosive device that two (2) unidentified suspects used to gain entry into the ATM. After the explosion, the suspects took the contents of the ATM and fled the area in their vehicle.

The suspects were driving a late 1990's or early 2000's light colored four (4) door Honda Accord. One of the suspects is a white male adult.

The Centralia ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) volunteers responded to the scene to help the Centralia Police Department collect evidence that covered an area of approximately 10,000 square feet.

This is an ongoing investigation and no other information is being released at this time. Anyone having possible information about this incident is encouraged to call the Centralia Police Department (360) 330-7680, or Lewis County Communications at (360) 740-1105.