



## PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BOMB SQUAD INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

Pima County Sheriff's Department 1750 East Benson Highway, Tucson AZ 85714 520-351-4600

Pima County Sheriff's Department Case no. 090530146  
Investigator: Sgt. Christopher Rogers, PCSD Bomb Squad  
Re: IED Found on Smuggling Route  
Location: FR 35, North of Queen's Well; Silverbell, AZ  
Incident Date: 05/22/2009-05/20/2009

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### **SPECIAL ATTENTION: Border Enforcement Groups, Rural Patrols**

#### **SYNOPSIS:**

An improvised explosive device was discovered by a US Border Patrol Agent on a rural road known for illegal smuggling activity. The incident is under investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives with assistance from the Pima County Sheriff's Department.

#### **DETAILS:**

On the morning of 30 May 2009 the location of an improvised explosive device was reported to a US Border Patrol agent patrolling FR 35 on the north end of the Tohono O'Odham Indian Reservation, west of Tucson, AZ. The reportee directed the agent to the roadside of FR 35, 3 miles north of the powerline road. The agent recognized what he believed to be a pipe bomb wrapped in wires. Pima County Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad responded. While investigating the device it exploded. This incident is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Federal Bureau of Investigation with assistance from the Pima County Sheriff's Department.

The device construction is believed to be moderately complex. It is yet to be determined what the bomber's intention or motivation was.

Law Enforcement personnel patrolling rural roads adjacent to the US/ Mexico border are advised to be vigilant for suspect items in the area. Any questionable devices should be reported to your local bomb response team.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

*Anyone with information is asked to contact:*

Sgt Christopher Rogers PCSD Bomb Squad 520-351-6299

or

Special Agent Michael Nallin BATF 520-670-4804



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