



# CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

**Release Date:** 3/26/2010

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. **Prepared by:** Lt. Russell Reinhart

**Type of Incident:** Possession of Explosive Device(s)

**Location:** 6500 Block of Red Coach Drive, Huntington Beach

**Date/Time of Occurrence:** 3/24/2010 at 7:03 a.m.

**Case Number:** 10-004875

### **Details:**

On 3-24-10 at 0703 hrs, the Huntington Beach Police Department received a call of a man sleeping in a parked vehicle in the 6500 block of Red Coach Drive in the City of Huntington Beach. The officers discovered two occupants, Joshua GRIER and a 17 year old male juvenile asleep in the car. Officers had knowledge that Joshua GRIER was wanted in connection with a recent residential burglary in Huntington Beach.

Officers located illegal controlled substances (hallucinogenic) along with an explosive device during a search of the vehicle. The area was cordoned off and the Orange County Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad responded. The bomb squad rendered the device safe. Scott BISS was arrested near the scene for possessing the device. The device was the shell of a commercial grade firework that had been converted to an explosive device packed with gun powder and nails.

Officers developed information that a separate 17 year old juvenile had knowledge of the explosive device. This juvenile was detained at Huntington Beach High School by police. He had no explosive devices with him at the school.

Huntington Beach detectives, along with the Orange County Sheriff's Bomb Squad, obtained and served a search warrant at the residence of this 17 year old in the 19000 block of Coenson Circle in Huntington Beach. Two additional explosive devices were located and rendered safe by the OCSD Bomb Squad. Additional bomb making material was also found in the residence. It appears that the three explosive devices, including the one found in the vehicle, were manufactured in this residence. The juvenile was arrested for possession and manufacturing explosive devices.

There is no evidence that the individuals planned to detonate the explosive devices at any school. There appears to be no connection to the incident that occurred at Huntington Beach High School on 3-3-2010. In that incident, a 16 year old male student brought a simulated explosive device to school which resulted in a school evacuation.



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This is still an ongoing investigation.

- Scott Patrick BISS, 18 year old resident of Riverside, was booked at the Huntington Beach City Jail for possession of an explosive device
- Joshua Michael GRIER, 19 year old resident of Huntington Beach, was booked at the Huntington Beach City Jail for burglary (from a January 20, 2010, residential burglary in Huntington Beach)
- Male juvenile from the car, 17 year old resident of Huntington Beach, was arrested and released to his parents for narcotic charges.
- Male juvenile from school, 17 years old resident of Huntington Beach, was arrested for possession of explosive devices and manufacturing explosive devices, was booked at Orange County Juvenile Hall.

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