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**PRESS INFORMATION**

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**TYPE OF INCIDENT: 2 Pipe Bombs located and destroyed**

**GENERAL LOCATION: Sacramento River at the mouth of Battle Creek (commonly known as the Barge Hole)**

**DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT: Sunday Aug 30, 2020 at about 1:15 PM**

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**SUMMARY OF INCIDENT:**

Sunday Aug 30, 2020 at about 1:15 PM, Tehama County Sheriff's Dispatch received a phone call from a fisherman on the Sacramento River in Cottonwood. The fisherman stated while fishing at the mouth of Battle Creek (commonly known as the Barge Hole) he reeled in a device he thought was a pipe bomb.

The Tehama County Sheriff's Boating Safety Unit responded. While the boating unit was enroute to the call a separate fisherman contacted TCSO to report that he had reeled in a second device. When the boating unit arrived on scene, he observed what he determined to be a live pipe bomb. The boating unit shut down that area of the river and requested the Shasta County Bomb Squad to respond.

When the bomb technicians arrived, they determined the devices to be dangerous and the devices were detonated and destroyed on site. Further investigation of the devices after they were destroyed, showed that they were live pipe bombs.

The Sheriff's Office requests all fisherman fishing in this area be careful, it is unknown if there are other devices in the water. If you find a suspicious device contact 911 immediately.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is requested to contact the Tehama County Sheriff's Boating Safety Unit at 530-529-4172.

Reporting Sgt. Mark Levindofske S159