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SUBJECT: MAG / STREAMLIGHT - PIPE BOMBS

This information received by ANRARA from sources in the USA.

NOTE: The information below was verified by the San Diego Office of the FBI earlier this morning. The agent I spoke with stated that while "such incidents do not happen often, they do happen" so, heads up!

Per The FBI and The A. T. F. multiple incidents have been reported and are currently under investigation pertaining to "Mag Flashlight" PIPE BOMB detonations. Apparently, the bombs are being used against Law Enforcement and EMS/Fire Rescue personnel.

The "Mag Lite" or similar lite is left on at a crime scene or incident in the "ON Position..." Unsuspecting police or fire/EMS personnel pick it up believing it to be one of the crews equipment and turn off the light which causes the bomb to detonate.

The A. T. F. suggests extreme caution while serving search warrants, at crime scenes, and when making arrest. For fire/ EMS scenes be cautious for anything unusual. One scenario is that a device is exploded and various agencies respond. A secondary device, "The Flashlight," is found nearby which completes the objective of the crime itself, harm a person.

This is not oriented to the US as devices have been found in other parts of the world, including third world countries.

In the Los Angeles area, an officer found a Plastic Lantern type light at an incident and thought it was odd. Without turning it on or opening it up, he gave it to the Explosive Device Technicians. His intuitions proved to be fortunate as the body of the lamp was loaded with explosives and set to detonate when turned on.

If a Mag Lite or any other light or lamp is found, it should be left alone, the area secured, and proper notifications made.

Thanks to the San Diego Paramedics for forwarding this warning.

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