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HPD Makes Arrest in Explosives Investigation

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) has arrested an individual in connection with the manufacturing of explosive devices.

On Monday, April 23, 2018 at approximately 9:00 a.m., HPD officers responded to a call for service where the complainant indicated that an individual had made comments as to the manufacturing of pipe bombs. A prompt investigation by HPD's Patrol, Special Operations, and Major Crimes Unit culminated in the recovery of explosive making materials.

Heath Eric Pence, 45, of Harrisonburg, was arrested for Possession of Materials to Make Explosives/Fire Bombs, Virginia Code 18.2-85.

The Harrisonburg Police Department encourages citizens to immediately and always report suspicious activity, especially those involving weapons, explosive devices, or threats of violence, whether verbal or through other forms of communication to include texts, emails, and online posts through social media.

Anonymous tips can be sent to Crime Solvers at 540-574-5050 or text "HPD" plus the tip to CRIMES (274637). Callers can also use the Harrisonburg Police Department non-emergency number 540-434-4436 with information.

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