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## **City of LaGrange Encourages the Community to “See Something, Say Something”**

***LaGrange, Ga. January 14, 2021*** – The City of LaGrange is encouraging the community to contact the authorities if they see anything suspicious.

Thursday morning the LaGrange Police Department was called to the scene where a suspicious item was discovered at the 500 block of Whitesville Road. After a careful examination of the item, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation’s Bomb Disposal Unit was called in to assist into the investigation. The initial investigation did reveal that the item was a homemade or improvised explosive device.

“Effective public safety depends on effective partnerships. The discovery of the explosive device this morning is an excellent example of a community partner seeing something suspicious, alerting the police and avoiding an incident that could have resulted in someone being seriously injured,” said LaGrange Police Chief Lou Dekmar. “If anyone sees anything suspicious, we are urging the community to please contact the police so we can ensure our community remains safe by working together.”

The LaGrange Police Department as well as the City of LaGrange takes this issues very seriously and will always respond accordingly.

"We are very fortunate in LaGrange to have a highly competent police force to monitor and respond to concerns." Said LaGrange Mayor Jim Thornton. "We certainly need the community to support the police, and anytime community members can report suspicious activity or persons it helps. Let's all stay alert and vigilant."

If you see any suspicious activity, please call 911.

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