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Cape May Court House, New Jersey - Cape May County Prosecutor Robert L. Taylor and Chief Joseph Evangelista of Middle Township Police Department report the investigation early this morning of the discovery of a "pipe bomb" device. Members of the Middle Township Police Patrol and Detective Divisions along with members of the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit, Cape May County Sheriff's Officers and K-9 Unit and the Atlantic City Police Department's Bomb Squad contributed to the investigation.

At approximately 9:20am, three employees of the Cape May County Facilities and Services Department discovered a device in a mechanical room of the Cape May County Police Training Facility located in the Crest Haven Complex in Cape May Court House, New Jersey. The employees took the device, which is described as a 12-inch long metal pipe, to an unoccupied open area off of Crest Haven Road. The Middle Township Police and Cape May County Prosecutor's Office responded to initiate the investigation.

The Cape May County Police Training Facility was evacuated and searched by members of the Sheriff's Department's K-9 unit. No other devices were discovered. Other county buildings, including part of the County Administration Building were also evacuated. Access to the County's Crest Haven Complex was blocked for approximately two and one half hours.

Upon arrival of members of the Atlantic City Police Bomb Squad, the device was examined and opened by a remote-operated piece of equipment. The resulting examination revealed that the device was a simulated "pipe bomb" used as a training device. It is believed that the device may have been accidentally left at the training facility during a training exercise. No one was injured during the incident.

Prosecutor Taylor and Chief Evangelista commended all of the agencies involved resulting in the successful conclusion of this operation.