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ATF Arrests Suspect of Orting Police Department Bombing

SEATTLE – Terry Overton was arrested over the weekend for destroying an Orting police car with a pipe bomb in July 2006, announces Special Agent in Charge Kelvin N. Crenshaw, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

“This was a heinous crime due to the unpredictability of improvised explosive devices, combined with being placed in a public area. This could have been a far more serious incident,” says Crenshaw.

“I’m thankful no one was hurt as the potential for injury or death from a bomb is so high. For this past year, investigators from Orting Police Department and ATF have worked diligently to solve this crime,” says Chief William Drake, Orting Police Department.

A Federal Grand Jury issued an indictment on August 8, 2007 naming Mr. Overton in violation of Manufacture of an Unregistered Destructive Device, Possession of a Destructive Device and Destruction of Property by Use of Explosive.

This was a joint investigation between ATF and Orting Police Department, with the support of Pierce County Sheriff’s Office for the scene processing.

Terry Overton, age 42, will appear in the Tacoma Federal District Court today at 2:30 p.m. for his Initial Appearance.

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