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Suspicious Circumstance (#17-36814)

On the morning of September 16, 2017, at about 9:15 a.m., an alert employee at Chevron (5280 Hopyard Rd.) called the Pleasanton Police Department to report a suspicious circumstance. The employee reported watching someone exit a vehicle, take an object from the trunk and carefully place it into a trash near a gas pump. The vehicle then quickly drove off. The employee immediately heard an audible tone coming from the trash can and called police.

Officers responded to Chevron and looked inside the trash can. A device with exposed wires and a red light was seen inside and officers could hear a loud audible tone coming from the object. Officers immediately evacuated the gas station and surrounding businesses while cordoning off the area. Personnel from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, Paramedics Plus and the Alameda County Bomb Squad also responded.

The Alameda County Bomb Squad utilized a robot and a deputy wearing a protective suit to maneuver the garbage can and expose the device. The device was determined to not be explosive, rather it was an anti-theft device, typically found on expensive items in retail stores.



Better Together

At 1:30 p.m. responding agencies left the scene and the area was opened for normal business.

The Pleasanton Police Department would like to thank the alert Chevron employee for quickly reporting this incident. It is an excellent reminder to contact the police department should you notice anything suspicious.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to call the Pleasanton Police Department at (925) 931-5100. Please reference case #17-36814.

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