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Man Arrested for Facsimile Bombs

Riverside, CA -- On Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at approximately 1445 hours, the Riverside Police Department dispatch center received a call from a man who stated he was conducting a routine property check on a house in the 1400 Block of Orange Street, Riverside and discovered what he believed were possible pipe bombs on the property. This reporting party was a representative of a real estate company handling the sale of the property for US Bank. Officers from the Riverside Police Department responded to the scene and visually verified an item believed to be a pipe bomb outside of the residence. A perimeter was set around the location and an immediate evacuation of several residences was conducted for public safety. During the course of the incident, approximately nine (9) houses were evacuated. There were no injuries related to this incident.

Personnel from the Riverside Police Department Technical Services Unit, Riverside County Sheriffs Department Hazardous Devices Team and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) bomb technician responded to the scene. With the use of the Riverside Police Departments mechanical robot and the Sheriff Department's TAC CAT device, several explosive-type devices were located and rendered safe. Officers also located a makeshift booby trap device and rendered this device safe.

As this scene continued into the night, Riverside Police Department officers conducted follow-up on the previous property owners of the residence. Based on this follow-up, Daniel Gherman, 42 years, from Riverside, was contacted and arrested. Daniel Gherman was booked into Robert Presley Detention Center for attempted Penal Code 12355a – Assemble Device Designed to Cause Great Bodily Injury (Booby Trap) and four counts of Penal Code 148.1 (d) – Assemble or Possess Facsimile Explosive.

This is a continuing investigation. Anyone with information about the incident or requesting follow-up inquiry is asked to contact Sergeant Rusty Stump at (951) 353-7686.