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## Police discover “bottle bombs” in Borough

Middletown Borough Police responding this morning (Thursday, February 28, 2013) to a report of what sounded like shots fired or loud explosions discovered a number of homemade “bottle bombs” in two locations.

The initial report, which was received around 5:30 a.m., led to the discovery of five of the homemade devices in the 200 block of North Union Street.

Four of the devices had been exploded. The fifth was handled by the Pennsylvania State Police Hazardous Devices Unit.

Later in the morning, at approximately 10 a.m., three more of the devices were found about four blocks away in the 200 block of East Roosevelt. Two of those had been exploded. The third was vented and inactive.

No injuries were reported and no property damage has been determined. The incidents are under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact Middletown Borough Police by calling 717.902.0627.

Bottle bombs are typically homemade devices using plastic soda bottles and commonly available household materials. Despite their simple nature, these devices can be dangerous. Anyone discovering such devices should keep away from them and contact police.

**NOTE:** Middletown Police were assisted by officers from Lower Swatara Township Police Department and Penn State – Harrisburg Campus Police.