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CAPITOLA

Bomb defused under Union Pacific trestle

The sheriff's bomb squad detonated what appeared to be a crude pipe bomb Monday found under the railroad trestle in the 300 block of Capitola Avenue.

Union Pacific workers clearing brush and ivy stumbled upon the device about 9:30 a.m.

The device was a 4-inch-long white PVC pipe with plastic end caps and something that resembled a fuse, police said. The device looked similar to pipes found scattered throughout the city during a bomb scare in June.

While those turned out to weights blown off city banners by strong winds, the one found Monday appeared to be real, police said. Investigators said it appeared the device had been in the brush for a while, based on its appearance.

There were no injuries or property damage when the device was detonated.

Capitola police collected the bomb's remains and are investigating.

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