

NEWS RELEASE

On August 24th around 9pm a deputy was attempting to serve a Victims Protective Order to a James Lewis. Graffiti had been sprayed painted on the glass storm door, the deputy then observed in the living room area two large home theater style speakers placed together with a wood box sitting on top of them. The sides of the box were about 3 to 4 inches tall and there was a 5 gallon plastic gas tank + 12 volt battery with a pair of vise grips attached to one of the poles and a 25 gallon propane tank with a lamp half full of liquid substance placed on top of the propane tank. The deputy upon seeing this mechanism considered it to be possibly an explosive device, due to the nature of his presence at this residence.

Scene was secured and the Oklahoma Hwy Patrol Bomb Squad was summoned upon the authority of Sheriff Kell. The bomb squad indicated the device gave the appearance someone intended to intimidate or detonate an explosion; the device was later determined to be only a simulated bomb.

Upon further investigation deputies were able to locate and arrest the suspect (James Lewis) and transported him to Grady County Jail on multiple charges, which included; manufacturing of bomb – possess of firearm while committing a felony.

Sheriff Kell wants to publicly thank and make known his appreciation for the expeditious arrival and assistance from Captain David Moffitt and the OHP Bomb Squad.