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### **Probation Search Leads to Discovery of Live Explosive in Visalia**

Just before 10:00 a.m., a Visalia Police Department Special Enforcement Unit (SEU) officer, along with a Probation Officer, made contact with 37-year-old Ruben Zayas, who is currently on probation, near Church Street and Myrtle Avenue. The contact led the SEU team to Zayas's residence in the 600 block of South Church Street. During a search of his room, officers discovered an item resembling a grenade.

The Visalia Police Department Bomb Unit was called to the scene and safely took custody of the device. It was later confirmed to be a live explosive.

Zayas was arrested and booked on charges of possession of an explosive device.

