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For Immediate Release:

Today's Date: November 17, 2006
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Release #: 2006-195
Case #: 06-14542
Incident Date: November 16, 2006
Incident Time: 9:16 P.M.
Incident Location: 10412 SW 23rd Ave., Gainesville, Fl

Suspicious Device:

At 9: 16 p.m., the Alachua County Sheriff's Office received a call about a suspicious device attached to the undercarriage of a vehicle. The owner of the vehicle stated she first noticed the device while picking up her children on NW 13th Street. Deputies responded and observed a small black object with wires protruding from it attached to the undercarriage of the complainant's 2000 red Jeep Cherokee. The ACSO Bomb Team was notified and a three square block radius of homes surrounding the device was evacuated. A temporary shelter was set up at the Queen of Peace Church nearby. Approximately 45 people were housed at the shelter for a little over 2 hours. Detectives with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office learned that the complainant was going through a divorce. After contacting the complainant's husband, detectives learned that he recently hired a Private Investigator. During the interview with the private investigator, he admitted to attaching a GPS tracking device to the complainant's vehicle. ACSO Bomb Technicians utilized the Bomb Team robot to examine the device and verify it was indeed a GPS. The all clear was given around 11:30 p.m. and residents were allowed to return home.