

February 5, 2026

TO: Campus Community
FR: Nader Oweis, Chief of Police
RE: Suspected explosive device (Case #SS26-20)

The Sonoma State University Police Department is seeking community assistance with information about a suspected explosive device that was discovered at 5:45 p.m. today at the northwest section of the Lakes.

Officers were alerted to the suspected device by a community member who was magnet fishing at the Lakes. The community member contacted the University Police Department, which immediately isolated the area and began an investigation.

Based on an officer's observations, the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department bomb squad was called to assist. A bomb squad detective collected the device to render it safe at an off-campus facility.

At no time was the community in imminent danger.

If you know something: Anyone with information that might assist with this investigation is urged to call the Sonoma State University Police Department at [707-664-4444](tel:707-664-4444).

The Sonoma State University Police Department reminds the campus community of the following safety tips:

- Immediately and promptly report any suspected crime, suspicious persons, or activities on campus to University Police by calling or texting 911 or the non-emergency line at [707-664-4444](tel:707-664-4444).
- If you believe that you or someone else is in an unsafe situation, please do not delay calling or texting 911 or seeking assistance from others.
- Be alert to your surroundings. Your actions as an active bystander can help prevent crimes from occurring within our campus community.

You are not at fault for any harm done to you. The above safety tips are not intended to imply otherwise.

SUPPORT RESOURCES: [Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) is available for any student seeking support at [707-664-2153](tel:707-664-2153). Our [Employee Assistance Program](#), LifeMatters by Empathia, is available for any staff and faculty seeking support. A [Confidential Advocate](#) is also available at [707-664-2698](tel:707-664-2698). Another resource is the [Office for the Prevention of Harassment and Discrimination \(OPHD\)](#) which can provide supportive measures and receive complaints related to sexual misconduct, harassment, and discrimination on behalf of the university. OPHD can be reached at [707-664-4140](tel:707-664-4140).