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Early Sunday morning, North Fond du Lac Police were called to Yellowstone Trail Park by a concerned citizen who had witnessed suspicious activity. The caller told police that he had seen an unidentified male place an object on the ground in the park before leaving the area.

When police arrived, they located an object that consisted of PVC pipe and a smaller plastic cylinder. Concerned that the object might be something harmful, police contacted the Brown County Bomb Squad and spoke to a bomb technician. After describing the object, location and circumstances leading up to its discovery, both agencies determined that the Bomb Squad should respond and examine the object.

As police were notifying area residents, it was learned that the object was part of a game known as geocaching. Geocaching is an outdoor treasure-hunting game in which the participants use a global positioning system receiver or other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers. Geocaches can range in size from "microcaches," too small to hold anything more than a tiny paper log, to those placed in five-gallon buckets or even larger containers.

Police were able to determine that this object contained a paper log and a pencil. The request for the Bomb Squad was cancelled prior to them arriving. A technician with the Brown County Bomb Squad indicated their unit has been activated for similar incidents in the past.

While the Police Department recognizes the popularity and interest in geocaching, Detective Sergeant Brian Liethen would like to remind geocachers that in order to avoid such misunderstandings and concern, caches should be clearly marked and/or readily identifiable as harmless. Police are requesting that anyone involved with or having information concerning this cache call Detective Sergeant Brian Liethen at (920)906-5555.