

Treasure of Explosive Nature Found off Coast of Guam

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Tumon Bay, Guam A treasure hunter discovered a armed five inch US naval projectile while searching the waters off Tumon Bay with his metal detector. Navy EOD Senior Chief Petty Officer Brian Fitzgerald confirmed the WWII munition was indeed live, and the beach was shutdown from the Westin Resort to the Reef Hotel as the Guam Police Department, Guam Fire Department, Office of Civil Defense/Guam Homeland Security, and EOD responded to the scene.

The projectile was moved to safe location for disposal. EOD transferred the UXO to Gun Beach where a sand barrier was constructed around the item before detonation. According to Fitzgerald it contained approximately seven pounds of explosives, making it likely to be very dangerous. The projectile is one of 61 UXO recovered on Guam this year.