Police Praise Cleaning Crew for Response to Suspected Ordnance

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Essex, Massachusetts Six homes were evacuated after a cleaning crew found ordnance in a recently sold home, according to Essex Police Chief Paul Francis. Police and fire responded to the home where the suspected military ordnance was found.

Massachusetts State Police Bomb Squad officials eventually determined that the shell was an inert training round. The munition was seized and was scheduled to be turned to U.S. Navy EOD. No additional items of concern were found.

A police spokesperson said, "The cleaning crew in this instance did everything right, leaving the dangerous item alone and contacting properly trained authorities to render the situation safe."