Air Reserve Base Evacuated Due to Ordnance Incident

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Homestead, Florida The Air Force has released very few details concerning the evacuation of Homestead Air Reserve Base and nearby residents due to a potentially hazardous situation caused by a 500-pound bomb. Although not confirmed by the Air Force, it was reported that a 500-pound bomb dropped from one of the F-16 fighter planes while on the ground and rolled near an area where other bombs were stored.

The Base and surrounding community was impacted for several hours as the 482nd Air Force EOD unit reportedly, according to a statement released by the Base, "rendered the damage ordnance safe."

An investigation is underway to determine how the incident occurred and who may be responsible for the incident. Criminal prosecution and /or disciplinary actions may be taken if it is discovered that someone was negligent in their duties.