Homeowner Finds Old Dynamite in Barn

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Winlock, Washington Lewis County sheriff's deputies responded to a call from a homeowner who found old explosives while clearing out a barn. The homeowner told authorities that the explosives must have been there before he owned the property and estimated that the explosives have been in the part for several decades.

Deputies called the Washington State Patrol Bomb Squad, which determined that the explosives, identified as dynamite (shown below) were several extremely deteriorated and volatile. It was determined that the safest way to dispose of the explosives was to conduct a controlled burn of the barn. The barn, along with the explosives inside, was successfully destroyed in a controlled burn.

