

# Propellant Canister Washes Ashore Along Public Beach

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**Garden City Beach, South Carolina** A beachgoer walking in the shallow surf came across a strange canister floating in the water. After scraping several barnacles off the item, the letters "USA DoD" stenciled on the canister became visible. Concerned that the item was potentially dangerous, the beachgoer called the police who responded with technical support from the Horry County Bomb Squad. Police cordoned off an area of 100 yards in all directions as the bomb squad investigated the item.

The canister was reported as 3 feet long and 6 inches in diameter with the following text stenciled - "USA DOD" "42 lb cannon propellant charge Department of Defense". The bomb squad coordinated with a military EOD unit over the phone and determined that the item was safe to move. The bomb squad removed the item from the beach and re-opened the area to visitors.