



**Porterville Police Department  
Press Release**

**Incident:**

**Possession of an Explosive Device**

Case# 09-0296

**Date/Time:**

Monday, January 12, 2009, 3:54 P.M.

**Location:**

900 Block West Morton, Porterville

**Suspect:**

**Cruz Valles** (28 years old)

**Summary:**

On Monday, January 12, 2009, at approximately 3:54 p.m. Officers responded to a local motel in Porterville regarding the discovery of a **possible explosive device**. The device was discovered during a motel room cleaning.

**Cruz Valles** had just been arrested from the same room a short time earlier and booked at the Tulare County Sheriff Department, Porterville Sub-Station, on other charges.

Mr. Cruz was re-contacted at the Sub-Station and admitted to possessing an explosive device in the room. Mr. Cruz denied making the device or intending to use it in a dangerous manner.

The Tulare County Bomb Squad was called out and safely diffused the device. The Bomb Squad confirmed it was a small explosive device commonly known as a "pipe bomb."

Mr. Cruz was already in custody on other charges and was charged with an additional crime of 12303.2 PC-Possession of an Explosive Device.

**Investigating Officer**  
Officer M. Powers

**Supervisor**  
Officer C. Jordan