

Watsonville man arrested after deputies find bomb-making supplies in SUV

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CASTROVILLE - Monterey County Sheriff's deputies found bomb-making supplies in a car in Castroville Wednesday, leading to the arrest of the car's occupant.

Deputies were dispatched to reports of a suspicious parked car near an artichoke field on Molera Road and Highway 1 in Castroville around 11:30 a.m. They found the driver, Lawrence Guzzino, slumped over the wheel. After waking up the 55-year-old Watsonville, they determined he had a warrant for his arrest. He was also found to be on probation stemming from an arson conviction in Fresno County, according to Monterey County Sheriff's deputy Mike Smith.

Deputies searched Guzzino and his vehicle and found supplies that could be used to create a homemade bomb, including lengths of capped metal pipes, ammunition and propane canisters. They also turned up a copy of "The Anarchist's Cookbook."

Officers secured the area due to the possibility of an explosive device within the car, and a bomb squad was called in to investigate. Guzzino was interviewed by members of the squad, and the car was searched by hand, using a robot and using an X-ray. No explosive devices were found in the car, which was packed with personal items and several items of pornography.

Guzzino was booked in Monterey County Jail on suspicion of being a felon in possession of ammunition and probation violations, including possession of pornography and alcohol.

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