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Please find attached a copy of an article in this morning's Post-Dispatch regarding a suspicious device at a Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) pump station serving the Carondelet plant.

City of St. Louis police and fire officials continue to investigate the incident, although reports indicate that the suspicious device had no power source and the material was not flammable or explosive. Pranksters are believed to be involved.

I have contacted the City of St. Louis' Public Safety Director regarding this incident, and will provide updates as warranted.

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3 'Bombs' Found Near MSD Center

Police Think Devices Were 'Experiments'

By Bill Bryan

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Three devices that resembled homemade explosives were discovered Monday morning beneath a Metropolitan Sewer District pump station at River Des Peres near the intersection of Germania and Alabama streets.

The devices were believed to be harmless.

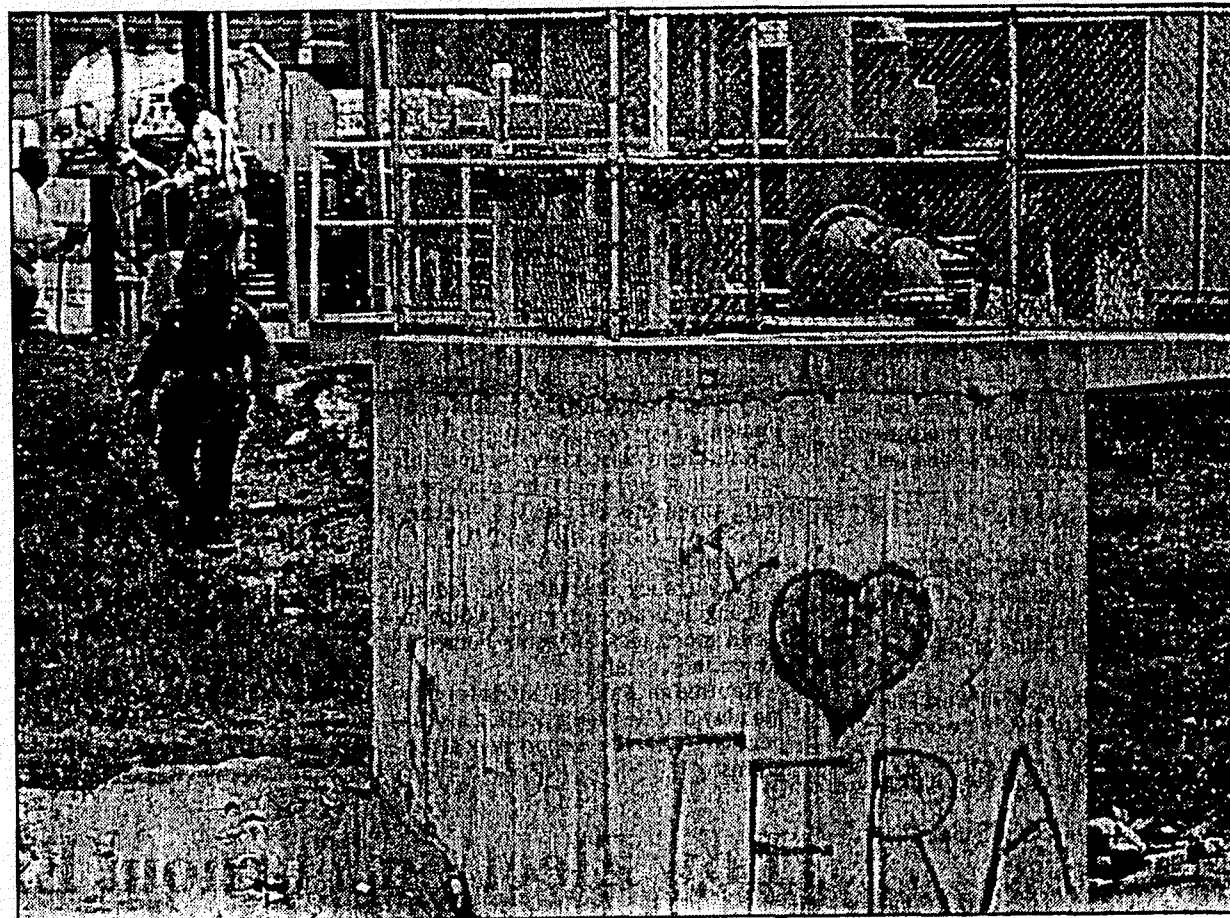
"It could be the work of a kid or kids experimenting with explosives," said Detective Andy Thompson of the St. Louis Police bombing and arson squad.

"That's our best guess; we've got no solid leads."

The devices consisted of plastic bottles, a liquid resembling floor wax, spark plug wires, a light bulb fixture and white granular powder. One of the wires protruding from a one-quart plastic bottle was hooked up to an electrical grounding cable.

"But there was no power source," Thompson added.

As far as the investigators could determine, there was nothing flam-



A member of the St. Louis Police Department's bomb and arson squad preparing Monday to inspect devices resembling homemade explosives found at the River Des Peres.

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mable or explosive, but authorities blasted the devices with a water cannon.

Two nearby businesses were evacuated as a precaution. Thompson said

the devices had been placed in a remote area, and it was undetermined how long they had been there.

"We've recovered devices like these on three other occasions in re-

cent months," Thompson added. "There were all placed in remote area near railroad tracks.

"The liquid substance in one them turned out to be a cleaning solvent."