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Bexar County Fire Marshal Deputies Arrest Alleged IED Builder *Fire Marshal Deputies executed arrest warrant at local motel.*

On Wednesday, April 8, Bexar County Fire Marshal Deputies, in cooperation with Universal City Police, executed an arrest warrant at the Super 8 Motel located at 200 Palisades Drive in Universal City, Texas, and apprehended Joshua Faleide for the following: Possession of an Explosive Weapon and Poss. Components of an Explosive Weapon.

Faleide had been on the run since March 25, when Bexar County Fire Marshal Office (BCFMO) Investigators responded to a call to assist the China Grove Police (CGPD) and Fire Departments for an improvised explosive device (IED) recovered in their city limits. Based on the device characteristics, and information obtained from CGPD, BCFMO Investigators initiated a search warrant at a residential home for Faleide.

Upon gaining entry to the residence on April 7, investigators found multiple components of explosive weapons including a pipe-bomb that was in the final stages of manufacture and other explosive materials. Based upon evidence uncovered at the scene, Investigators were able to link Faleide to the construction of the IED from China Grove.

Faleide has been transported to the Joint Intake and Assessment Annex for booking into the Bexar County Jail.

The arrest was the result of cooperation between BCFMO, the China Grove Police Department and Universal City Police Department. The BCFMO/Office of Emergency Management Weapons of Mass Destruction Team, Bexar County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives - San Antonio, and San Antonio Police Department Bomb Squad assisted BCFMO Investigators on this call.

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