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Two Mailboxes Destroyed by Explosive Devices, Investigators Seeking Leads

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[Wentworth, N.C.]— On Sunday April 16th at around 9:45 p.m., Rockingham County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 937 Bethlehem Rd. Eden, N.C. Upon their arrival, Deputies learned that the mailbox at that location had been destroyed by what appears to have been a homemade explosive device. At around 11 p.m., Sheriff's Deputies responded to a similar call at 2023 Snead Rd. Stoneville, N.C. The mailbox at that location had also been destroyed by what appears to have been a homemade explosive device. It is unclear at this time if these locations were selected at random.

Sheriff's Detectives were called to investigate both crime scenes. Evidence of the explosive devices was collected from each crime scene and the United States Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives Agency (ATF) has been brought into the investigation at this time.

According to North Carolina General Statute 14-49 (b), any person who willfully and maliciously damages any real or personal property of any kind or nature belonging to another by the use of any explosive or incendiary device or material is guilty of a Class G felony.

Sheriff's Investigators are asking anyone with any information about these explosive devices being placed in mailboxes to contact the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office at 336-634-3232 or Rockingham County Crime Stoppers at 336-349-9683.