

## **Suspicious Box on Bus Leads to Division 7 Evacuation**

(Oct. 30, 2001) A report of a suspicious box on aboard a Metro Bus led to the evacuation, Monday morning, of some 500 employees at Division 7, as well as a nearby car wash, a parking structure and other businesses.

Police cordoned off a five-block stretch of Santa Monica Boulevard between Robertson Boulevard and Hancock Avenue while the Sheriff's Bomb Squad investigated the package and detonated it. The package, which was found to contain an electric kaleidoscope, was not explosive. No one was injured.

The incident, which began about 9:30 a.m. and lasted until 11:55 a.m., impacted some afternoon service from Division 7.

The incident began when the operator of the Line 10 bus, westbound on Melrose Avenue en route to a layover zone, learned from a passenger that a box with protruding black wires had been left on the bus.

The Division 2 operator parked the bus at the layover zone in front of Division 7 and reported the incident.

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