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## Grenade found on Mayo Drive

A grenade found among the personal belongings of a deceased Mayo Drive resident raised the alarm for police on Tuesday, Jan. 13. Though the owner was known to be a WWII veteran who may have collected it as a souvenir, those cleaning out his belongings thought it best to inform police.

Holden Police evacuated the residence and adjoining apartments until the Massachusetts State Police bomb unit could certify that the grenade wasn't live.

"It wasn't a bad exercise for us," Holden Sgt. David Armstrong said. "It's also a good lesson for residents."

Even though a grenade may still have the pin attached, it can rot from the inside and explode, Armstrong said, and should therefore be considered dangerous and left in place until a bomb unit can check it out. — M.M.

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