

# Pepper Park Beach evacuated after diver finds mortar

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FORT PIERCE, Fla. — Beachgoers were evacuated from Pepper Park Beach in St. Lucie County on Saturday afternoon after a diver discovered a mortar that had washed ashore.

The St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office responded

As a precautionary measure, authorities evacuated beachgoers to a distance of at least 300 yards in all directions from the discovered mortar.

The bomb disposal team was dispatched to the scene. Three hours later, they successfully rendered the device safe, and the scene was cleared.