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~ Media Advisory ~ **Fire Investigators Apprehend Suspects** **in Homemade Explosives Case**

The Springfield Fire Marshal's office charged four Springfield residents with the manufacture and possession of destructive devices this morning. Both charges are felonies in the State of Oregon.

The Fire Marshal's office began investigating a series of reported "amateur" devices found in the parking lots of the Lively Swim Center, Bob Artz Baseball Park and Ridgeview Elementary School from the period of July 31 – August 13. The devices caused little or no damage to parking lot surfaces.

During a follow-up investigation four suspects were identified and charged with manufacture of a destructive device and possession of a destructive device. The charges of manufacture of a destructive device and the possession of a destructive device are both a "C" felony under the Oregon Revised Statutes. The four suspects have been given a court date to appear.

During the investigation, the Fire Marshals' office received assistance from the Springfield Police Department, Eugene Metro Bomb Unit, Wal-Mart, Willamalane Parks and Recreation and Springfield Public Schools.