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STATE STEPS UP

State plane transports bomb dog to Albuquerque

SANTA FE – Federal Alcohol Tobacco and Firearm (ATF) officials contacted the State Office of Homeland Security today requesting assistance in the investigation of the missing explosives from a private Albuquerque facility reported yesterday. The first 72 hours in an investigation are critical and ATF felt that it was important to bring in a bomb dog from Phoenix today. However, they were not able to secure commercial transportation. Governor Bill Richardson ordered the state plane to transport three ATF agents and the bomb dog from Phoenix and bring them back tonight so they could go to work right away.

“This is a highly trained explosive detection dog and getting it here was a priority of the investigation,” Tim Manning said.

“It’s important that we do everything we can to try to solve this crime as quickly as possible. These explosive present a potential danger to the state,” Governor Richardson said.

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