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Real Estate Agent Finds Grenades In Home

Bomb Squad Disposes Of Grenades

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DES MOINES, Iowa -- A Des Moines real estate agent was cleaning out a home at 1119 E. Ninth St. when he stumbled upon a stash of grenades.

A bank is foreclosing on the house and it is using a local real estate agent to resell it. The agent first had to clean it.

Real estate agent Bill Carmichael was trying to clear out the house when he discovered a green military box containing seven grenades.

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what his neighbors are up to.

"I think he probably got them when he was in the service," he said.

The Des Moines Bomb Squad moved in and took over the situation from Carmichael.

"There was no indication that there was any kind of immediate threat, but what he did was perfect," Dykstra said.

Police said the former homeowner is not facing charges since the grenades were missing powder.

"It's only illegal if you mix those items together to make a bomb and when you do that, then you've committed a crime," Dykstra said.

The bomb squad took the grenades away and disposed of them.

Once the house is cleaned up it will go on the market.

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