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<b>Originating Unit:</b>		
Joint Investigation Office - Sydney (JIO-Sydney) Building 67 Garden Island, NSW, 2011		
<b>Report in the Matter of:</b>		
Recovery of Inert Improvised Explosive Devices from Sydney Airport		

**References:**

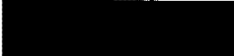
- A. Email Mrs S. Young, DSA / MAJ J. Cunningham, ADFIS, of 05 Jul 12 (NOTAL)
- B. Telecon WO2 B. Davies, ADFIS / SUPT C. Jensen, AFP, of 05 Jul 12
- C. Telecon WO2 B. Davies, ADFIS / SUPT M. Birley, NSW Police, of 05 Jul 12
- D. Telecon WO2 B. Davies, ADFIS / LCDR R. Dokter, XO DPTC, of 05 Jul 12
- E. Email LCDR R. Dokter, DPTC / WO2 B. Davies, ADFIS, of 17 Jul 12 (NOTAL)

**Introduction**

1. On 05 Jul 12, IAW ref A, it was reported to ADFIS Northern Region HQ, that on 04 Jul 12, two inert Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) training aids had been found inside a Hertz hire car at the Sydney Domestic Airport carpark. As a result, the AFP Bomb Disposal Unit and NSW Police were called to attend the scene, resulting in a partial closure of the carpark and media interest in the incident.

**Background**

2. The circumstances surrounding this matter are that on 04 Jul 12, about 1300 h, Hertz Corporation cleaning staff at the Sydney Domestic Airport carpark located two inert training IEDs in a Hertz owned rental car. Unaware of the nature of the devices, Hertz immediately contacted Australian Federal Police (AFP) and NSW Police, which resulted in the AFP Bomb Disposal Unit and NSW Police attending the scene and partially closing the carpark.

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3. After several hours, the devices were identified as inert IED training aids belonging to the Defence Police Training Centre (DPTC). As the devices posed no threat to the safety of the public, the carpark was reopened and the items were taken into NSW Police custody. Whilst the carpark closure did not affect the arrival or departure of flights, it did attract media attention.

**Action Taken**

4. IAW ref B, enquiries were conducted with SUPT C. Jensen, AFP Superintendent of Operations - Aviation, who stated that the incident had resulted in the AFP Bomb Disposal Unit being called to respond, due to the realistic nature of the two devices found. The devices had been located in the glove box of the Hertz vehicle; however, the cleaning staff had removed one of the devices and left it on the front seat of the vehicle, before notifying Hertz management. He added that enquiries were conducted with Hertz personnel, resulting in the identification of [REDACTED] DPTC, as having hired the vehicle during the period 07 May - 22 Jun 12. As a result, [REDACTED] was contacted and subsequently attended the airport carpark. SUPT Jensen also added that on his arrival, [REDACTED] identified the devices as two training aids used by DPTC, which had been inadvertently left in the vehicle when it was returned to Hertz on 22 Jun 12. Lastly, SUPT Jensen stated that AFP was not considering any further action in relation to the matter.

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5. IAW ref C, enquiries were conducted with SUPT M. Birley, NSW Police, Commander of Botany Bay - Local Area Command, who stated that the devices had been seized by NSW Police; however, they were available for collection by DPTC personnel. SUPT Birley further stated NSW Police were not considering any further action in relation to the matter and accepted that the incident arose from an oversight in accounting procedures and not from any criminal intent.

6. IAW ref D, enquiries were conducted with [REDACTED] LCDR R.R.B. Dokter, XO of DPTC, who stated that during the period 07 May - 22 Jun 12, several vehicles were hired from Hertz, as part of the resources required for [REDACTED] signed for the vehicles at the beginning of the period; however, due to undertaking leave, he was not present when the vehicles were returned on 22 Jun 12. LCDR Dokter also stated that initial unit enquiries had revealed the devices had been hidden inside the vehicle as part of a training activity during the [REDACTED] but they had not been discovered by the CPPO Cse students. As a result, and compounded by [REDACTED] absence at the completion of the course, the devices were inadvertently left in the vehicle when it was returned to Hertz on 22 Jun 12. Lastly, LCDR Dokter added that he had been appointed as an Inquiry Officer and tasked with conducting an IO Inquiry into the circumstances, in order to ensure no further reoccurrences.

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7. IAW ref E, further enquiries were conducted with LCDR Dokter to ascertain the progress of the IO Inquiry and an estimated completion date. During those enquiries, it was ascertained that direction had been issued by the CO of Defence Command Support Training Centre, DPTC's Chain of Command, to cease the inquiry, as the matter was to be reviewed independently by DCSTC and the Army Administrative Inquiry Centre (AAIC). Subsequent enquiries with LCDR Dokter have ascertained that an IO Inquiry is being conducted by DCSTC, with a discipline investigation also being conducted by DPTC.

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**Conclusion**

8. In view of the foregoing, ADFIS enquiries into this matter have ceased and this matter is now closed. In the event that individual members are identified as having committed a serious Service offence, it is requested that ADFIS JIO-Sydney be notified, so that further assessment can be completed. This incident has been recorded on the Defence Policing and Security Management system (DPSMS) under the above mentioned case reference number.

9. Should you have any questions in relation to this matter, the POC is the JIO Commander, JIO-Sydney, WO2 B. Davies on (02) 9359 2122, quoting the above mentioned Reference Number.

  
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