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Reference: Explosive device found during a traffic stop

On January 24, 2025, at approximately 2:15p.m., a Tarrant County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a traffic stop in the 900 block of Northwest Parkway in Azle.

During the stop, the deputy noticed the 27-year-old driver acting suspicious. A search of the vehicle turned up a Molotov cocktail. The Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office, the Fort Worth Fire Department Bomb Squad and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were called to the scene and the device was rendered safe.

"This arrest was the result of excellent police work and attention to detail on the part of the deputy. His investigative instincts led to the arrest of someone who could have potentially caused great harm," said Sheriff Bill Waybourn. "We commend our deputy for his dedication to keeping the citizens of Tarrant County safe and we appreciate our law enforcement partners for their quick response."

The suspect, Murphy Walls, was arrested and charged with Possession of a Prohibited Weapon. He is currently being held in the Tarrant County Jail.

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