



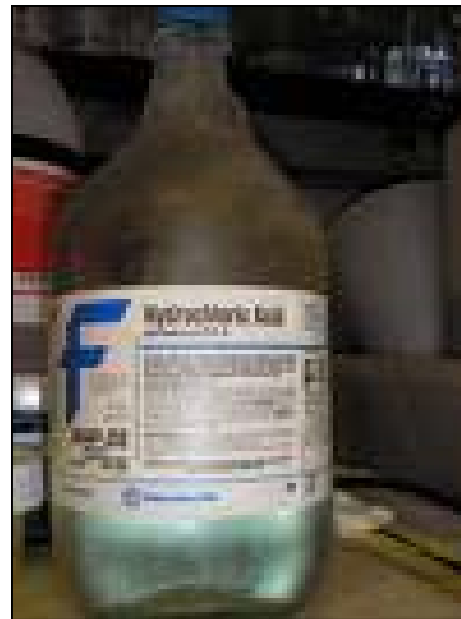
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Information has been received by this agency on a new method that people are using to commit suicide that is dangerous to Law Enforcement Officers and all first responders. Chemicals needed to perform this method can be purchased over the counter. With the information received it seems that the subjects purchase “Bonide” which is a sulfur spray used as an insecticide for fruit trees and hydrochloric (muriatic) acid. Once mixed these chemicals produce heat and a flammable, noxious gas that causes the subject to pass out and the heart to stop within minutes. The process appears to be quick and painless. The two recent cases one in California and the other in Georgia involved young men in their early twenties, Both were found locked inside their vehicles with the above listed chemicals. Each victim left a note warning first responders that they are danger. In the vehicle in Georgia the victim taped up the inside of the vehicle to prevent the gases from escaping. Law enforcement officers should be aware of this when responding to unresponsive or sleeping subjects in vehicles.

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