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Fireworks seized from Ronkonkoma garage

The Suffolk County District Attorney's Squad and police department Emergency Services Unit have confiscated more than thirty cartons of fireworks from a Ronkonkoma garage, approximately two-tenths of a mile from a middle school.

District Attorney Thomas Spota said Kenneth Felser of 7 Carl Street is fortunate there wasn't a catastrophic explosion because of the careless manner in which Felser stored the boxes of Jumbo Jet Rockets, Thunder Balls, Crystal Geyser and Old American Fountain brand explosives in the cluttered garage behind his home.

"We're fortunate we didn't have a disaster on our hands considering the careless manner in which the defendant piled this highly flammable material next to a container of gasoline and within feet of a second gas can," District Attorney Spota said.

Felser, 31, an air traffic controller employed by the FAA facility in Ronkonkoma, will be arraigned in first district court on August 16. He is charged with unlawful dealing with fireworks, a misdemeanor. The value of the seized fireworks is approximately \$5,000.



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