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Zip Guns Found at Quentin

San Quentin prison officials reported that two nearly completed zip guns were found in a special shakedown yesterday of a section of the prison where some "troublesome" inmates are held.

The shakedown was ordered after another zip gun and a pipe bomb were found by guards in the same section Sunday.

Acting Warden James W. L. Park said he attached no special significance to the discoveries, that it is "pretty routine" to find such weapons in the prison from time to time.

Inmates make zip guns out of pieces of metal tubing and other materials taken from prison shops. The pipe bomb was a metal tube stuffed with match heads.

Park said such bombs are set off by inmates occasionally "to startle the staff," but that none has ever been used for a "deadly assault."

He said the weapons were concealed in various parts of San Quentin's Section B, and an investigation is continuing.