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INFORMATION RELEASE

Vallejo Courthouse evacuated after bomb threat

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The Vallejo branch of the Solano County Courthouse was evacuated Thursday afternoon after a Vallejo City employee received a phone call from a subject stating a bomb was set to go off in the building. The Solano County Sheriff's Office's Court Security Bureau was notified of the threat and a decision was made to evacuate the courthouse.

The evacuation took place just after 2 p.m. and all employees and citizens were told to exit the building immediately. Court staff, courthouse employees, and citizens were brought to areas of safety as Deputies conducted an extensive search of the interior and exterior of the courthouse building. Deputies did not locate anything suspicious during their search.

A short distance away, just south of the courthouse building, a court employee noticed what appeared to be a small blue zippered type bag in a plant. The bag was located in the over flow parking lot for the courts just south of the courthouse. Deeming the package to be suspicious, that area was immediately evacuated and access to the area was restricted by deputies.

The Travis Air Force Base Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) team was requested. Two handlers and their bomb certified K-9 partners responded to the area. The Travis Air Force Base handlers and K-9s conducted an extensive secondary search of the interior and exterior of the courthouse building to insure the safety of the public. The Travis AFB K-9's did not locate any explosives.

Napa County Sheriff's Office EOD Team was also requested and responded to the location. Napa County Sheriff's EOD Team utilized their bomb robot and x-rayed the suspicious package where it was found. Napa County Sheriff's personnel determined the suspicious package was not an explosive device but rather an old first aid kit that had several items inside including a firearm.

The firearm located in the suspicious package appeared to be old and rusted and did not appear to be operational. The firearm was seized by Solano County Sheriff's Deputies and later booked into evidence at the Solano County Sheriff's Office. The area surrounding the courthouse was opened up just after 6:30 p.m.

The Vallejo Courthouse is scheduled to re-open on time this Friday for court proceedings.

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