

Chatham County Board of Commissioners

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NEWS RELEASE

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Chatham County Legislative Courthouse Evacuated for a Suspicious Package

Chatham County, GA (July 22, 2019) - Chatham County Police and County Management evacuated the Legislative Courthouse this morning after security found a suspicious package at the entrance of building.

Multiple fire and law enforcement agencies responded to the scene to handle the incident and investigate. Law Enforcement was able to secure the package and found that while the package appeared to be an incendiary device, it was in fact not a threat.

"We are very fortunate that no one was injured and the incident was cleared up in a timely manner. I would like to thank all the agencies and our staff that responded to help keep Team Chatham safe," said County Manager Lee Smith.

Savannah Fire Department, Chatham County Sheriff's Office, Chatham County Police Department, Savannah Police Department, Savannah Police Department Bomb Squad, the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, Tobacco & Explosives (AFT), United States Marshals Service, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) were some of the agencies that responded to the scene.

Law Enforcement continues to investigate the incident. If you have information about this incident please call Chatham County Police at (912)652-6920 or call CrimeStoppers anonymously at (912)243-2020. CrimeStoppers tips that aid in the arrest of a suspect may be eligible for a cash reward.

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