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La Habra Police Department Press Release

Letter With Unknown Powdery Substance Brought to Police Station - Precautionary Measures Taken

La Habra, CA – On Thursday, January 19, 2017, shortly after 2:45 p.m., two La Habra Heights residents came to the front counter of the La Habra police station with an envelope containing an unknown white powder. They indicated they had picked up their mail from their post office box, which is located in the city of La Habra, and returned home. At approximately 11:30 a.m., they opened the envelope, from an unknown sender, and an unknown white powdery substance spilled out.

The individuals contacted the post office and were in turn, directed to contact La Habra Police Department.

Due to the unknown nature of the substance, as a precautionary measure, a containment area encompassing the police department was established and Los Angeles County Fire Department contacted.

On scene to address the situation were Los Angeles County Fire Department’s Hazmat team, the Orange County Health Department and Orange County Sheriff’s Department Bomb Squad.

Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department has been notified as well of the circumstances, as the envelope was opened at a residence in their jurisdiction.

At approximately 5:00 p.m., Orange County Bomb Squad was able to determine the substance in question was baby powder. The containment area is currently being cleared and the street is expected to be reopened to traffic shortly.

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