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5:00 p.m. Bomb Threat Update



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GLENWOOD SPRING, COLORADO – At 5:00 p.m. today all three buildings that were evacuated earlier have been cleared. No suspicious items were found and investigators will continue to follow all leads in this case. Sheriff Lou Vallario and Chief Terry Wilson feel confident that the buildings are safe for public use and expect business to resume Wednesday morning as usual.

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GLENWOOD SPRING, COLORADO – At approximately 10:54 a.m. the Garfield County Emergency Communication Center was notified of a bomb threat at the Garfield County Courthouse. An angry male called the Courthouse making statements that the building would blow-up sometime today. Sheriff's Deputies and Glenwood Springs Police Officers quickly evacuated three builds to include the Garfield County Courthouse, Garfield County Sheriff's Office and the Garfield County Administrative Building. The Courthouse was operating as usual along with two jury trials in progress, when approximately 200 people were evacuated from all three buildings.

At approximately 1:45 p.m. the bomb detection K-9 (Ben) and his handler, Officer Alan Foust with Foremost Response Security arrived out of Grand Junction and are in the process of clearing the buildings. The Grand Junction Bomb Squad is currently on standby incase a device is located. Information will be released as it becomes available.

All necessary precautions will be taken before reopening for business.

Agencies involved include; Garfield County Sheriff's Office, Glenwood Springs Police Department, Foremost Response Security Grand Junction Bomb Squad.