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VIPD Gave All-Clear for Bomb Threat at the Superior Court

St. Croix, USVI – On Friday, January 13, 2023 at 9:54 a.m., the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, R.H. Amphlett Leader Justice Center was evacuated due to a call regarding a bomb threat. It was unknown the nature of the call or the type of explosive device on the premises. Westbound traffic was blocked from Central High School light along Centerline Road, the eastbound traffic from Castle Burke and the entrance to Aureo Diaz Housing Community. Officers along with the bomb dog made an assessment of the building and the parking lot and gave an all-clear at 11:53 a.m., with negative findings of any explosive device on the grounds.

During the assessment, “all students and staff at Central High School were safe and sheltered in place.” said Department of Education, Director of Communications, Cynthia Graham. Once the all-clear was given, Mr. Graham assured the public that, all students and staff were safe at Central High School and the school remained in session.

Department of Human Services, Director of Communications, Ryan Nugent, issued a statement regarding the bomb threat, which affected a nearby Head Start in Kingshill. “The Virgin Islands Department of Human Services wishes to assure the public, especially Head Start parents that all Head Start classrooms across the territory are operating as normal with no elevated disaster risk concerns. While emergency responders were implementing their protocols our Kingshill classrooms, which are nearest the area of concern were evacuated until all clear was declared. Head Start students and staff are safe!”

The VIPD thanks the community for their cooperation and ask anyone with information regarding this incident, please call 911, Crime Stoppers V.I. or CIB Criminal Investigations Tip Line at (340)712-4850.

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