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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Suspicious Packages Near City Hall No Threat

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Law enforcement and emergency response officials have determined that the two suspicious packages near City Hall do not pose a threat to the public. Downtown employees impacted by the evacuations may now return to the area for their vehicles.

The Quad City bomb squad arrived at approximately 6:15 p.m. and inspected the suitcases, which are believed to belong to a suspect already in police custody. By 7 p.m., it was determined that there was no threat.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Two suspicious suitcases were reported at 3:12 p.m. this afternoon on the sidewalk near the 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Central Avenue on the east side of City Hall and a person of interest made comments about the suitcases. A suspect was taken into custody shortly thereafter.

As a precaution, the area has been blocked off and City Hall, Heartland Financial Services, and Dubuque Bank and Trust were evacuated. Prescott Elementary dismissed from the school's east entrance.

The Dubuque Police and Fire Departments are on the scene investigating the suspicious packages. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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