



# ***MORTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE***

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## **News Release**

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### **Morton County Courthouse evacuated due to suspicious package**

**Mandan, N.D.** – This morning at approximately 8:00am the Morton County Courthouse was evacuated due to a suspicious package that had been placed near the entrance of the courthouse.

Once x-rayed by the Bismarck Bomb Squad, the package contained items consistent for making an improvised explosive device including wires, batteries and a circuit board. Therefore, the bomb squad used a disruptive device to expose the contents.

"In these types of situations, we want to take the necessary precautions to ensure safety for the employees and public," said Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier.

The package was deemed safe at approximately 10:45am and the area cleared, so the courthouse could re-open.

The circumstances surrounding the incident remain under investigation.

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