



# ***MORTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT***

*Kyle L. Kirchmeier, Sheriff*



## **News Release**

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## **Morton County Courthouse Evacuated Due to Bomb Threat**

**Mandan, N.D.** – At approximately 11:15am today, a Morton County Emergency Management employee discovered a bomb threat that had been sent through an office printer.

Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier directed all occupants of the Morton County Courthouse to evacuate to a safe location. The Morton County Sheriff's Department, assisted by the Mandan Police Department, swept the courthouse building but found no evidence of explosives. All employees were allowed to return to the courthouse at noon.

The wording of the bomb threat letter was identical to one sent to a newspaper printing plant in Kentucky on May 29 which turned out to be false.

"We believe this bomb threat to be a hoax, since others like it have appeared around the country and were determined to be false, but we ask employees and anyone in County buildings to report anything suspicious," said Kirchmeier. "The safety of those within the building is our first priority."

The incident is still under investigation by the Morton County Sheriff's Department.

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