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SUSPICIOUS PACKAGES 4700 BLOCK NORTH ORACLE ROAD

The Tucson Police Department responded to a request for assistance with a suspicious package that was delivered to an office building in the **4700 Block of North Oracle Road** on the afternoon of June 11, 2012. The office building houses personnel working for the **Department of Homeland Security / United States Customs and Border Protection**. An employee called 911 to request police assistance at approximately 12:24 p.m. Officers from Operations Division West responded, arriving at approximately 12:31 p.m. They located the package, which had been carried into the building and partially opened. The initial responding officers located a second package outside of the building near some entrance/exit doors. The second package was also deemed to be suspicious in nature due to its placement outside of the building. In order to ensure the safety of all citizens and first responders, the entire building was evacuated. The evacuation initiated at approximately 1:10 p.m. and concluded by 2:10 p.m.

Personnel from the Tucson Police Department Bomb Squad responded to assist with the investigation of the packages. Utilizing specialized equipment and techniques, the Bomb Squad personnel examined both packages individually. As a result of their examination of the package that had been left outside of the building, the Bomb Squad personnel utilized a “water shot” (blast of highly pressurized water) to disrupt the package at approximately 3:23 p.m. They were immediately able to determine that it was **not explosive** in nature. After the disruption of the package, the Bomb Squad shifted their focus to the initial package, which had been left inside of the building.

It should be noted that both north and southbound North Oracle Road had been closed to all traffic between West Auto Mall Drive and West River Road beginning at approximately 1:30 p.m. After the package outside of the building was disrupted, the roadway was re-opened.

Investigative personnel from the Special Investigations Division also responded to the incident and will further the investigation regarding both packages. Initial indications are that the package that was delivered specifically to the building and taken inside contained **nothing of a dangerous nature**. It has not yet been determined if the second package, which was found just outside of the building, had any relation to the first package. It did not appear to contain any suspicious items.

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In all instances where a suspicious package or device is found, regardless of location, the primary objective of the Tucson Police Department is to ensure the safety of the citizens of Tucson. In this case, the building evacuation and roadway closures were precautionary measures taken to ensure such safety. The investigation will continue to determine the origin of each package.

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