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LAWRENCE A. STELMA - SHERIFF

Date: 5/14/2018

Complaint Number: 18-123395

Type of Incident: Suspicious Package

Supervisor Approval: Sgt. Room

On 5/14/2018 shortly after 9:00 a.m. the Kent County Sheriff's Office responded to the 63rd District Court on a report of a suspicious package. Responding deputies were directed to an envelope that was received through the US Postal Service that contained an unknown powdery substance. The FBI and the Grand Rapids Fire Department Hazmat Team also responded to the courthouse and assisted in assessing the extent of the threat, as well as containment of the unknown substance. As a precautionary measure, the courthouse was locked down for a period of approximately 3 hours until it was determined that the substance had been contained and was not a threat to anyone inside or outside of the building. There have been no symptoms of exposure reported by any of the involved parties.

The investigation is ongoing, and additional testing will be conducted at a later time to determine exactly what the substance is. Anyone with information about this situation is encouraged to call the Kent County Sheriff's Office or Silent Observer at 616-774-2345.