ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
NEWS RELEASE

INCIDENT DATE: 1/3/2014 INCIDENT TIME: 1100

INCIDENT LOCATION: St. Louis County Court House - Virginia

INDIVIDUAL(S) INVOLVED: (Refer to News Media Policy-Rules III A.1 Thru 4: Procedures B.1, A thru J & 1; 2b; 3b; g & h; 4a, b, & c)

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INCIDENT SUMMARY:

The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office is investigating a suspicious letter received by the Court Administrator's Office in Virginia. The letter contained an unknown powder substance and was opened by Court Administrator Staff. The letter and substance were removed and contained by the Sheriff's Office. The items will be forwarded to the Minnesota State Health Department for testing. No health issues or injuries were reported at this time. As a precaution the Court administration office was evacuated and will remain closed until our investigation is complete and it is determined to be safe. The incident remains under investigation.

ASSISTING AGENCIES:

Minnesota Duty Officer, Minnesota Department of Health, Department of Homeland Security.

AUTHORITY: Sgt. Nate Skelton DATE: 1/3/2014 TIME: 1320

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR UPDATE:

The substance sent to the Virginia Court Administrator's Office was tested yesterday evening and found to be not harmful and posed no health or safety risk to those exposed during and after the letter had been opened. Investigation will continue in attempts to locate the responsible person(s) and the Court Administrator's Office will be open and operating on Monday morning January 6th.

AUTHORITY: Sgt. Nate Skelton DATE: 1/4/2013 TIME: 0830