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## Suspicious Device Found in Balboa Park

**San Diego** – Today at about 9:20 a.m., the San Diego Police Department received a call about a suspicious package found near the House of Israel in Balboa Park. Officers immediately responded and arrived within minutes. A package was located at the back of the building which led officers to request additional resources.

The Metro Arson Strike Team (MAST) and the San Diego Fire-Rescue Bomb Squad responded to investigate. The immediate area was evacuated and a sweep for any additional packages was conducted.

After a thorough investigation, it was determined this was a hoax type of device and there was no danger to the public. Although this was not an actual destructive device, any hoax device which is specifically placed in a location to cause fear is a crime and is taken very seriously.

This is an ongoing investigation, and no details will be released at this time regarding this hoax device or any evidence collected.

SDPD's Criminal Intelligence Unit is continually monitoring locally and nationally for any actionable intel regarding threats. Out of an abundance of caution, SDPD will be conducting additional patrols to the area as well as near mosques and synagogues throughout the City for at least the next week to ensure the safety of all.

Anyone with information related to these crimes is asked to call the Metro Arson Strike Team at 619-236-6815 or Crime Stoppers at 888-580-8477. As a reminder, if you see anything suspicious, please contact SDPD immediately.

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