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UPDATE: The explosive-sniffing dogs have completed their search. Nothing was found, and the building has re-opened for voting.

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

December 30, 2020

Chatham County Police Department Evacuates Islands Library and Polling Location After Potential Threat

Chatham County, GA (December 30, 2020) – The Chatham County Police Department has evacuated the Islands Library branch, which is serving as a polling place for early voting, after a potential threat was phoned in to the library this afternoon.

The caller made a statement that caused Chatham County Police Department officers enough concern that they decided to evacuate and close the building out of an abundance of caution. Officers are searching the building and explosive-sniffing dogs are en route to search the building before it is cleared to re-open. At this time, there is not an estimated time for when the building will be re-opened.

Decisions regarding polling operations will be made by the Chatham County Board of Elections, and inquiries regarding election information should be forwarded to them.

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