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False Bomb Threat at BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple Investigated

On Thursday, March 19, 2026, at approximately 12:38 p.m., the East Windsor Police Department received a call on its non-emergency line from a blocked phone number reporting a bomb threat at the BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple, located at 112 North Main Street in Robbinsville.

The caller provided a name and claimed to have placed a "PVC pipe bomb" in the middle of the temple, further alleging the act was carried out on behalf of a specific terrorist group. East Windsor Police immediately relayed the information to the Robbinsville Township Police Department, as the temple falls within Robbinsville Township jurisdiction (Windsor Section). RTPD officers responded promptly and initiated emergency protocols, including the evacuation of the temple campus and all occupied buildings. A command post was established to coordinate the response.

Following a systematic search of the campus utilizing multiple resources, including the department's Explosive Detection K-9 team, Criminal Investigation Unit detectives, Drone Unit, and all available patrol personnel. The operation was supported through coordinated efforts with BAPS security personnel, the Robbinsville Fire Department, and mutual aid from the Hightstown Police Department.

At this time, the incident has been confirmed to be a false threat.

Due to the rapid and coordinated response, the entire campus was thoroughly searched in under one hour, minimizing disruption and allowing for a swift restoration of normal operations. Both primary and secondary searches yielded negative results for any explosive devices. As a result, all buildings were deemed safe, and occupants were permitted to re-enter in less than one hour from the initial evacuation.

Based on the circumstances and investigative findings thus far, this incident is being investigated as a possible "swatting" call - an intentional false report made to prompt a large-scale emergency response.

The RTPD takes all threats seriously and remains committed to ensuring the safety and security of the community. We thank our local and regional partners for their swift response, professionalism, and continued partnership, which were critical in ensuring the safety of all involved and the efficient resolution of this incident.

The investigation into the origin of the call remains ongoing. Anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to contact the Robbinsville Township Police Department Criminal Investigation Unit at (609) 259-3900.