



# **St. Petersburg Police Department News Release**



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## **St. Petersburg Police Investigate Bomb Threat/ Suspicious Bag - Update**

The Tampa Police Bomb Squad has completed their examination of the duffel bag and no explosive devices were found inside. Forensic personnel will be complete their examination and collect the bag and it's contents.

The individual who left the bag and made the statements that it contained a bomb has not been located or identified at this time.

Occupants of the Health Department are being allowed back into the building and traffic on Dr. MLK Street is being allowed to resume normal flow.

As a recap, eariler this morning officers have responded to the Pinellas County Health Department at 205 Dr. ML King Street North regarding a suspicious bag left outside the main entrance.

A duffel bag was abandon outside by a subject described as a W/M with shaved head, goatee, wearing a sweat band, a black windbreaker and khaki pants.

The subject apparently made reference to several people standing outside the bag contained a bomb. He was last seen walking north on Dr. MLK Street.

A person who heard the subject's statements went inside and notified the receptionist. The initial call to the police came in at 9:44 a.m.

Arriving officers located a duffel bag outside and, as a precaution, evacuated the building and rerouted southbound traffic on the Dr. MLK Street near 4 Avenue North.

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