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WHAT: Douglas County Sheriff's Office Responds To Suspicious Incident at 1st Bank

NARRATIVE: DOUGLAS COUNTY: The Douglas County Sheriff's Office responded to an incident at the 1st Bank in Highlands Ranch. The situation ended with Bomb Team being called out and a suspect being taken into custody.

On 03/27/2007 at around 5:40 pm dispatch received a call of a suspicious incident and two suspicious people inside the 1st Bank at 9409 S University in Highlands Ranch, CO. The caller had reported that a female and male had entered the bank and the male was carrying two boxes taped together. It was also reported that the male had made a comment that led the reporting party to believe there may be some sort of device or explosives inside the boxes. The male and female then left the bank and started walking east on University Blvd. away from the bank. As one of the deputies was responding to the bank he spotted two people that matched the description given by the caller. The deputy was able to stop and detain both parties. He had them drop the two boxes and a small duffle type bag they were carrying.

Due to the comments made by the male inside the bank, a K9 officer was called in to search the area where the boxes and bags were left. The bomb detector dog did not indicate to the presence of explosives. Due to the high winds in the area, the Bomb Team was called in to investigate the items further. The bomb robot x-rayed the items and it was determined that there was no evidence of a bomb or device materials. The box and bag contained electronic equipment, a music stand, miscellaneous clothes and papers.

The female party was questioned about the incident and released. The male party, a 50 year old male from Denver, was taken into custody but was later released pending charges.

This is still an open investigation and more information will be released as it becomes available.

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