

Kittitas County Press Release



For Immediate Release

Suspicious powder isolated in mail; determined to be a hoax

Ellensburg, WA, September 25, 2009, 5:45 pm — Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue was dispatched to a call about a suspicious powder inside a mail item at the Kittitas County Courthouse, 205 W 5th Ave, in Ellensburg, at about 1:20 p.m. today. After the Washington State Patrol Hazardous Materials SWAT team recovered the substance from the inside the building it was tested on site. Law enforcement officials are calling the situation a hoax.

All buildings that were affected have been reopened. Ellensburg Police Department and the United States Postal Service will handle any resulting criminal investigation.

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