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## **UPDATE**

Two Suffolk canines and one Virginia State Police canine and their handlers were utilized to search the courts building. The building was determined to be clear. The building was re-opened to the public at 11:30.

Investigator Pam King of the Suffolk Fire Marshal's office is the leading the investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact Investigator King at 514-7542 or Crime Line at 1-888-Lock-U-Up.

### **Suffolk Courts Building Evacuated Due to Threat**

SUFFOLK, Va. (February 18, 2009) – A call to Suffolk's Emergency Communication's Center at approximately 9:20 this morning has led to the evacuation of the Mills E. Godwin, Jr. Courts Building, located in the 100 blk. of N. Main St. The unknown caller advised an emergency dispatcher that something had been placed in the courts building. While the caller did not specify a bomb, the call is being treated as a bomb threat and the building has been evacuated until it can be searched.

Virginia State Police are en route with a bomb detection canine. Suffolk detectives and Crime Scene personnel are on scene investigating. The portions of N. Main St., Bank Street and Commerce Street that surround the courts building have been blocked off.

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