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Suspicious powder received at Two Rivers Correctional Institution determined not hazardous

Emergency responders determined that a white powdery substance received Friday morning in an envelope at the Two Rivers Correctional Institution (TRCI) mail room was not hazardous.

On March 25, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., the TRCI mail room reported receiving the envelope with the unknown substance. The mail room area was secured and the administration building evacuated. Hermiston Hazardous Materials Unit and the Umatilla Fire and Rescue responded to evaluate the powder for any hazardous substances. No employees reported any adverse reactions.

The mail room is located inside the administration building, where 18 to 20 staff members normally work each day. Several staff members were in the mail room at the time the substance was found. The institution is operating as normal.

TRCI is a multi-custody prison in Umatilla that houses approximately 1,800 male inmates. TRCI participates in prison industries with Oregon Corrections Enterprises including institution and industrial laundry, mattress manufacturing, and sewing. Other institution work programs include reparation and cleaning of irrigation ditches, maintenance of local baseball fields, and work with local cities and the Hermiston School District. The facility provides a range of correctional programs and services including education, religious services, and behavioral health services. TRCI opened in 2000.

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