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Press Release

On December 5, 2011 at 1144 hrs. a 56 year-old North Kingstown resident responded to the North Kingstown Police station with a suspicious letter he had received through the mail. The resident reported that he received a letter from a family member out of state and contained with it was a white powdery substance.

After receiving this information, the North Kingstown Police in cooperation with the North Kingstown Fire Department followed standard protocols and procedures related to hazardous substances and contacted the RI Fire Marshalls Office. A Haz-Mat team from Warwick Fire Department was dispatched along with members of the RI Department of Environmental Management Special Response team. Initial external tests conducted on the substance revealed that it was non-hazardous. The suspicious letter was packaged by the Haz-Mat team and then sent up to the RI Department of Health for further testing.

The matter is currently under investigation by members of the North Kingstown Police, Rhode Island State Police and the FBI.