

UPDATED @ 9:05: Bomb Threat at Watauga County Courthouse

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Part of King Street and Queen Street in Downtown Boone were closed for about an hour today after an unconfirmed report of a bomb threat at the Watauga County Courthouse.

Watauga County Sheriff, Len Hagaman, said an anonymous call was received at the Watauga County Courthouse about an alleged explosive device around 3:00 Thursday afternoon.

The courthouse was immediately evacuated and deputies with the Watauga County Sheriff's Office, Boone firefighters, Boone Police officers, and Watauga County Medics all reported to the scene within minutes.

After the sheriff's office used a bomb-sniffing dog from its K9 unit, employees at the courthouse were allowed to go back inside the building around 3:45. No injuries were reported.

No official word on who made the threat or why.

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High Country Radio will pass along more information when it becomes available.