# Suspicious Package Found at Republican National Committee Headquarters Prompts Lockdown



The Republican National Committee (RNC) headquarters in Washington, DC, was placed on lockdown on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, following the discovery of a suspicious package. The U.S. Capitol Police received a report at approximately 7:45 a.m. regarding the package located at 300 First Street, SE. A hazardous materials team and bomb squad were dispatched to the scene.

Initial unconfirmed social media reports indicated that the building would remain on lockdown until further notice, with police advising staff and personnel to avoid the area. Journalists on-site noted yellow caution tape blocking the street and people standing outside the building.

Later reports confirmed that the suspicious package contained two vials of blood, a Korean Bible, and two ice packs. The Capitol Police's Hazardous Incident Response Division cleared the package, lifting the lockdown shortly after 9 a.m.

The incident follows heightened security measures around Capitol Hill, a significant area that had previously encountered security threats. The origin and intent behind the package are currently under investigation by the authorities.