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Suspicious Package on Indiana Avenue

Riverside, CA -- On Monday, April 26, 2010, at approximately 3:27 pm, the Riverside Police Department Communications Center received a phone call regarding a suspicious briefcase on the sidewalk in front of M & T Smog Test Only Facility, at 7225 Indiana Avenue, Riverside CA.

Following standard safety protocols, Riverside Police Department field officers blocked area streets around the incident for approximately three hours. The California Highway Patrol assisted the Riverside Police Department by preventing freeway motorists from exiting onto the eastbound 91 freeway off ramp at Madison Avenue. Business patrons on Indiana Avenue voluntarily left the area during the incident. The Riverside Fire Department was also on scene to assist.

Members of the Riverside Police Department Technical Services Unit responded to the incident to render the suspicious briefcase safe. The briefcase was remotely opened and the contents were found to be non-hazardous. Ownership of the briefcase is unknown.

Follow-up inquiries can be directed to Riverside Police Department Detective James Dana at (951) 351-6024.

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