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Press Release

Cleveland Clinic - Medina Hospital Incident

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On November 13, 2018 at approximately 1:30 PM Medina Police Dispatch received a call from a male reporting a female armed with a gun inside the South Medical Building of the Cleveland Clinic - Medina Hospital. The caller indicated the female was threatening individuals and she had taken several hostages. Medina Police Officers and Cleveland Clinic Police Officers responded within minutes and secured the entire facility. The hospital initiated their lockdown procedures for the safety of patients and caregivers. The initial police responders went directly to the South Medical Building where the caller advised the female suspect was located. Officers did not locate the suspect or anyone armed with a gun. Furthermore, employees in the area reported no suspicious activity. Teams of officers were assigned to critical departments of the hospital to ensure continuity of care for patients. Medina Police, with the assistance of the Cleveland Clinic Police, began a methodical search of the Medical Building. Additional teams of officers searched every office in both medical buildings as well as the hospital building. No suspect was located and no employees substantiated the reported threat. Upon completion of the search, an all-clear announcement was made to patients and staff. The threat was determined to be a hoax.

Detectives from the Medina Police Department immediately initiated an investigation to determine to origins of the call and the identity of the caller. Detectives will use every investigative resource to identify the perpetrator of the hoax. Upon identification, the individual will face arrest and prosecution.

The Medina Police Department would like to thank our many partners in the first responder community who responded to assist with the incident: Cleveland Clinic Police, Cleveland Clinic Security Staff, Montville and Medina Townships Police, Medina County Sheriff's Office, Brunswick Police, Brunswick Hills Police, Medina LST, Medina Fire, State Highway Patrol, ATF, FBI, and Department of Homeland Security. We also thank the Cleveland Clinic executive team for their support.

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