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Commissioner George P. Bush statement in response to suspicious packages reported in the Alamo Complex area

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AUSTIN — AUSTIN - Today agents from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and officers from the San Antonio Police Department responded to reports of suspicious packages in the area of Hipolito F. Garcia Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse adjacent to the Alamo Complex. Alamo Rangers coordinated with these agencies to secure the grounds and assist with keeping people safe. Texas Land Commissioner issued the following statement in response to these events:

"I want to thank local San Antonio Police Department officers, Homeland Security agents, the San Antonio Fire Department and Alamo Rangers who responded quickly to reports today of potential suspicious packages in the area adjacent to the Alamo Complex. The area was secured, streets were closed to traffic and visitors, staff and other individuals in the area were escorted to secure areas for their safety.

"Securing the Shrine of Texas Liberty and those who visit is a top priority and we continue to work with our partners to protect the site.

"Our first responders courageously put themselves at risk to protect others and this is yet another reminder of their brave and honorable service to our communities."

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