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Office of the Superintendent / President
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CITRUS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT 1000 W. Foothill Blvd., Glendora, CA 91741-1899

January 15, 2019

Dear Citrus College Community:

It is with a sense of gratitude and relief that I am writing to all of my Citrus College colleagues, students and concerned neighbors. The safety and well-being of the Citrus College community is a top priority of the college.

As most of you know, today at 11:28 a.m., the college campus was placed on lockdown at the recommendation of our Department of Campus Safety and the Glendora Police Department. This lockdown resulted from a 911 call received by law enforcement that they believed was a credible threat. The lockdown notification was issued through the college's emergency alert system. Subsequently, both the college and the Glendora Police Department periodically sent notifications via email, phone and/or social media updating the public as to the status of this emergency.

At 3:42 p.m., the suspect surrendered and was taken into custody. For everyone's safety, law enforcement and Campus Safety conducted a building-by-building search and evacuation. At approximately 6 p.m., the lockdown was lifted. Thanks to everyone's responsiveness, the campus was cleared in a safe and effective manner. The attached Press Release from the Glendora Police Department provides more details of the event.

Our college community is grateful to Mr. Ben Macias, Campus Safety Supervisor, and the entire Citrus College Department of Campus Safety; Chief Rosales and the Glendora Police Department; and all other coordinating law enforcement agencies for their immediate and thorough response to this emergency situation.

I extend my thanks to our faculty, staff and administrators who provided the leadership needed to keep our campus safe and secure. Additionally, I commend our students for their patience and cooperation during this incident.

For our students who may want support in dealing with today's incident, please contact our Student Health Center at (626) 914-8671. The Human Resources Department will notify employees of information regarding support services.

I am grateful that this situation was resolved peacefully. Thank you for your support and cooperation in ensuring the safety of our college community.

Sincerely,

Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President

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CITY OF GLENDORA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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For further information contact
Sgt. Shawna Celello (626) 914-8250

ACTIVE SHOOTER THREAT AT CITRUS COLLEGE

On January 15th at 11:17 AM, the Glendora Police Department received a 9-1-1 call from a male subject threatening that he was on his way to “shoot up” Citrus College. The Glendora Police Department treated the call as a credible threat. The Citrus College campus and surrounding streets were locked down at 11:28 AM. Mutual aid from surrounding law enforcement agencies was requested and the Foothills Special Enforcement Team, a regional SWAT team, was activated. Officers, detectives, and support personnel began investigating to identify a possible suspect, determine his location, and bring the incident to a safe conclusion. The suspect’s vehicle was located in a campus parking lot at 11:39 AM and based on the facts, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Bomb Squad was notified. A room-to-room search of campus began at 12:38 PM.

The suspect, identified as 30-year-old Terrell Lee Bennett from Chino, surrendered peacefully and was taken into custody without further incident at 3:42 PM. He is an online student at Citrus College who was scheduled for an in-person class today. The lockdown was lifted at 5:58 PM and all students, faculty, and staff were safely evacuated and released.

Suicide-by-cop appears to be a possible motive based on Bennett’s statements. The Bomb Squad found no evidence of the presence of any explosive devices. Glendora Police Detectives are looking into Bennett’s additional motives and the investigation is ongoing.

The Glendora Police Department would like to thank Citrus College Campus Safety, the Azusa Police Department, Covina Police Department, La Verne Police Department, Irwindale Police Department, West Covina Police Department, Pasadena Police Department, Pomona Police Department, Monrovia Police Department, El Monte Police Department, Baldwin Park Police Department, Claremont Police Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, California Division of Adult Parole Operations, the United States Marshal’s Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, for their assistance in bringing this incident to a peaceful end.

Anyone with additional information regarding Bennett and his actions is encouraged to contact Sgt. Michael Henderson by phone at 626-914-8281 or by email at mhenderson@glendorapd.org.



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Photo date: 10/2012



Terrell Lee Bennett

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