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Harrisonburg Among Cities Receiving “Bitcoin Bomb Threat”

Harrisonburg, Va. – On December 13, at approximately 1:00 p.m. several businesses and organizations within the city of Harrisonburg received bomb threat e-mails threatening that explosives will detonate if money is not paid. It appears the same e-mail or very similar worded e-mails have been received at numerous government offices, academic institutions, and commercial retailers nationwide.

The Harrisonburg Police Department wants to let the public know there isn't any credible evidence related to these email bomb threats.

The bomb threats have each demanded that \$20,000 be sent in Bitcoin. The e-mails appear to be very poorly written with several grammatical errors and have circulated through many businesses and organizations in Harrisonburg, including the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emergency Communications Center (HRECC).

HPD encourages those who think they have received a bomb threat e-mail to contact ECC at their non-emergency number, (540) 434-4436, to confirm this is the same type of threat as described above.

Also, if you receive a bomb threat type of email, you should follow company procedures, such as looking through your business for suspicious packages. If you find anything suspicious, contact the police immediately.

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