

Clinton County Sheriffs' Office

News Release

TO: AREA NEWS

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SUBJECT OF RELEASE: Communicated Threat Incident

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ADDRESS: Target, 60 Smithfield Boulevard, Suite 49, Plattsburgh, NY 12901

NARRATIVE: On June 10, 2023, at around 7:30pm, the Clinton County Sheriff's Office was contacted by regional security personnel from the Target Corporation and made aware of a threat communicated via email directed at the Plattsburgh store and three other Target locations in Vermont and New Hampshire. The sender of the emailed threat claimed to represent the interests of the LGBTQ+ Community and that their intention was to cause economic harm to the Target Corporation due to alleged displeasure with recent operational decisions made by the company. The Clinton County Sheriff's Office investigated the matter in conjunction with the New York State Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and regional Joint Terrorism Task Force and have determined the threat to not be credible at this time. The Sheriff's Office has also been made aware of similar incidents occurring in other areas of the United States. We are continuing to work with our local, state and federal partners to identify the persons responsible.

DISPOSITION: Upon initial notification of the threat, members of the Sheriff's Office and State Police responded to the Plattsburgh Target on Smithfield Boulevard. The store was evacuated by Target staff as a precaution while the threat was investigated. Members of the Sheriff's Office and State Police, with special assistance from a New York State Police explosive detection K9, performed a search of the store and did not locate any suspicious or harmful items.