## OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF COUNTY OF INYO

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## Threat reported at Furnace Creek Ranch-Investigation Ongoing

On January 8<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 2:40 PM, the Inyo County Sheriff's Office (ICSO) received a 911 call reporting a bomb/shooting threat at Furnace Creek Ranch in Death Valley. The caller claimed to be a relative of a former employee of the ranch.

In response, ICSO personnel, in collaboration with several partner agencies, were immediately dispatched to ensure public safety and conduct a thorough investigation.

The responding agencies included:

Inyo-Mono County Special Enforcement Detail (SED)
Death Valley National Park Service
Nye County Sheriff's Office
California Highway Patrol (CHP)
National Park Service – Lake Mead (provided an explosive detection K-9)
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

A comprehensive search of the area was conducted using the explosive detection K-9 unit. At this time, no threats have been identified. The investigation remains active and ongoing.

While ICSO is committed to transparency, information released to the public is currently limited due to the sensitive nature of the incident. This precaution is necessary to safeguard the public and ensure the safety of first responders. Public safety remains our highest priority.

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