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**Authorities investigate “unattended” package at H-E-B**  
*Agencies work together to ensure safety of citizens, store employees*

**SEGUIN, Texas** – On Friday afternoon, area law enforcement and fire officials jointly investigated a package left “unattended” at the Seguin H-E-B on the 1300 block of East Court Street.

“Everyone worked together to make sure store employees and customers were evacuated quickly just in case the package was a threat to their safety,” said Chief Dale Skinner, Seguin Fire Department.

According to Captain Victor Pacheco, an H-E-B employee discovered the package outside the store about 11:45 A.M. The store notified authorities about the situation around noon.

“Police and fire officials assessed the potential threat of the package. Due to certain details, the decision was made to evacuate the grocery store, clear the parking lot and evacuate a 200 foot radius around the package,” said Pacheco.

A San Antonio bomb squad/K-9 unit was called to the scene to check things out; an agent with the Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (ATF) was also available.

“The bomb squad arrived very quickly, and initially combed the area around the package with their specially-trained K-9. The dog did not hit on anything suspicious, so officers took X-Rays of the package,” said Guadalupe County Fire Marshal David Padula.

They did not find anything overtly suspicious from the images. Finally, the bomb squad decided to open the package, which was cleared by 2:30 PM.

The SPD Crime Scene Investigator documented the scene, and collected any evidence from the package. Nothing dangerous or harmful was found inside.

H-E-B and surrounding businesses were allowed back inside, followed by customers minutes after the situation was deemed safe.

Seguin Police and Fire Departments worked hard to control traffic and keep people away from the area until it was cleared.

The case will remain under investigation at this time.

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**About the City of Seguin**

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational, and employment opportunities. Seguin's robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.