

Subject: Follow-Up Message to the "All Clear"

Distribution: All Students, All Faculty, All Staff

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, Mary K. Grant, PhD

Dear MassArt Community,

To follow up on the All Clear message you received earlier via email and RAVE alert, we are writing to provide some additional information.

Earlier this afternoon, there was a report of a suspected armed person in the area of the Artists' Residence (AR). The Boston Police Department responded to the incident and working together with MassArt Public Safety secured the perimeter and began to investigate. Concurrently the MassArt Rapid Response team was activated. At 1:35pm the campus was advised of the incident, told to stay clear of AR and AR residents told to stay in their rooms. Out of an abundance of caution the MassArt campus went into lockdown at 1:59pm and afternoon and evening classes were canceled.

Following a floor to floor search of the Artists' Residence, the Boston Police Department cleared the building. They determined that the suspected weapon was in fact not a real weapon, and that there is no threat to our campus community. An All Clear message was sent at 3:17pm.

We are grateful to our partners at the Boston Police Department for their immediate response to our call. Our thanks to all members of our community for your cooperation.

We understand that this was a stressful incident and would like to invite any students to join members of the Student Development staff this evening from 7:00-8:00pm in Student Development on the 2nd floor of Kennedy.

There is also Employee Assistance support available through Human Resources and our EAP.

Thank you all for your support of one another and our community.

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Deborah Crafts  
Chief of Police / Director of Public Safety

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary K. Grant".

Mary K. Grant, PhD  
President