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FURTHER TESTING FOR SUBSTANCE FOUND IN STATE MAIL ROOM **“False Positives” for Anthrax are not uncommon**

Carson City: Powder material found in a letter addressed to the governor of Nevada found in the Nevada State Mail facility is being tested with sophisticated equipment to determine if it is dangerous.

Less reliable field tests have shown positive results for Anthrax. “We need everyone to realize that false-positives on field tests are very common,” said Department of Public Safety Deputy Chief Scott Jackson, “That is why we are conducting the more sophisticated tests.”

The results of the more accurate testing should be known within the next few hours.

Jackson noted that similar letters in Florida and even earlier today in Las Vegas showed positive field tests for Anthrax. Later, more accurate testing showed the letters contained harmless powder.

Jackson said these situations are taken very seriously and every precaution is being taken.