



MEDIA RELEASE

*Date: January 22, 2026
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Ames Police Respond to Threat

The Ames Police Department was contacted by employees of Walmart at 3015 Grand Avenue at 7:10pm on January 21, 2026, due to a concern about an individual who appeared to be suffering a serious injury. The man was located outside the store and was suffering a self-inflicted wound to the neck. The man made threats to law enforcement and out of an abundance of caution, Walmart was evacuated. It was later determined there was no threat to Walmart and the store re-opened.

The man was transported to Mary Greeley Medical Center for his injuries and later transferred to a hospital in Des Moines. His condition is unknown at this time; however it is believed they are non-life threatening.

The Ames Police Department continues to investigate this incident, however there is no threat to the community.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Ames Police Department at (515) 239-5133 or the anonymous tip line (515) 239-5533. You may also contact Crime Stoppers of Central Iowa at (515) 223-1400. Online anonymous tips may be submitted to www.crimestoppersofcentraliowa.com.

Questions regarding this press release may be directed to Sergeant Amber Christian, Ames Police Department, at (515) 239-5134 or (515) 239-5133.

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