

Hostages released from Clinton N.H. office

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ROCHESTER, N.H. -- Two hostages reportedly were freed Friday and negotiators were talking to a man who held them captive in a Hillary Clinton campaign office in New Hampshire. An man claiming to have a bomb strapped to his chest took hostages at the storefront office for Clinton's presidential campaign in Rochester, N.H., Police haven't confirmed whether the two hostages released were the only hostages in the building, Manchester television station WMUR reported. "I walked out and I immediately started running, and I saw that the road was blocked off. They told me run and keep going," Cassandra Hamilton, who works in an office adjacent to the building, told the television station. Police sent in a cell phone to the man so they could talk to him, CNN reported. Police didn't reveal why -- or if they knew why -- the man stormed the office. Clinton, D-N.Y., canceled an appearance before the National Democratic Committee in the Washington area. In a statement, she said the campaign was in "close contact" with local authorities and "acting at their direction." Nearby buildings and offices, including campaign headquarters for Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., and former Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., were evacuated.

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