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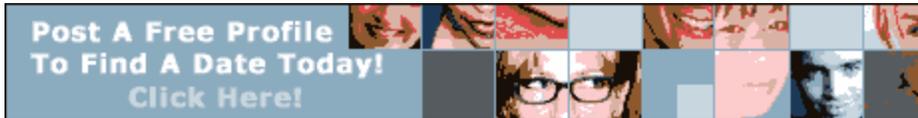


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Odd Smell At Federal Building Forces Some To Leave

Witnesses Described It As Reminiscent Of Oily Gas

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DETROIT-- Some employees at the Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building went home for the day after an odd smell forced the voluntary evacuation of offices late Thursday afternoon.

Witnesses on the scene told Local 4 that the smell was strong and was reminiscent of an oily gas, but Local 4 crews described it as more like a paint-thinner smell.

The Detroit Division of the FBI is located in the McNamara building at 477 Michigan Ave. They said that they are not leaving the building.

All employees of the federal offices were given the option to go home for the day.

One worker told Local 4 that employees were notified via intercom that the smell may have been entering from outside the building.

The building manager was not available for comment. The building has been secured and is not open for business.

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