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## Suspicious package sent to Army base

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Emergency response teams arrive at Fort McPherson.

**WASHINGTON (CNN) -- A building on a U.S. Army base in Atlanta has been evacuated after the discovery of a suspicious package containing white powder, the Pentagon said Friday.**

A mailhandler spotted the package about 5:15 p.m. on the fourth floor of the U.S. Army Reserve Command building at Fort McPherson, a Pentagon spokesman said.

A hazardous material response team responded to the report and conducted a preliminary test, which gave "cause for concern," the official said. The spokesman said further tests would be conducted to determine if the package contained anthrax spores.

A spokesman for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta said the CDC would conduct further tests on the substance, with results expected Saturday.

In addition to the Army Reserve Command, Fort McPherson is the headquarters for the U.S. Third Army -- the ground forces for the U.S. Central Command, which is in charge of American forces in the Middle East and central Asia. It employs 1,754 active duty personnel and 2,270 civilians, according to the base's Web site.

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