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Establish Reward Offer in the Bomb Threats at Charles Drew University

On Tuesday, January 11, 2022, administrators at Charles R. Drew University (CDU), located in the unincorporated community of Willowbrook, discovered a bomb threat that had been emailed to a generic university email address on Sunday, January 9, 2022. CDU immediately [closed](#) the entire campus and notified authorities. After a thorough safety assessment from the Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff’s Department (LASD), the campus reopened, but not without causing fear in the campus community and the community at large, and not without lingering questions as to whether this type of threats would become more prevalent.

On Monday, January 31, 2022, at approximately 11:45 p.m., CDU [received](#) a second bomb threat which was made via a phone call to a campus-related number stating that a bomb would be detonated on the campus. LASD completed a thorough check of the entire campus and it was determined that the campus was safe and that the bomb threat was not valid.

These threats coincide with a wave of bomb threats that have been made against Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) across the country, which federal, state, and local authorities are investigating. As the only HBCU in California, CDU is a beacon of excellence in South Los Angeles and, sadly, a target for ignorant, racist attacks. Prior to the threat at CDU, over a dozen HBCUs, including Howard University in Washington, D.C.; Morgan State University and Coppin State University in Baltimore, Maryland; Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley, Georgia; Kentucky State University in Frankfort, Kentucky; Xavier

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