



11 November 2015

Statement regarding discovery of suspicious item in Mountjoy Prison.



The Irish Prison Service can confirm that a suspicious item was discovered on the C wing of Mountjoy Prison at approximately 12.30pm Wednesday 11th November 2015. Following an initial examination by prison staff and the responding Gardaí it was suspected that the item may be part of a firearm containing a number of bullets. As a result appropriate action was taken by the prison Governor and a general search of the prison was commenced.

The item was removed by An Garda Síochána for forensic examination. The Gardaí have subsequently determined that the item is not part of a weapon as was initially suspected.

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