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Why the security concern at Gilmanton Academy building?

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To The Daily Sun,

Dear Gilmanton residents:

I have had to visit the Academy many times this week. I was there on Monday when I read the sign, I am paraphrasing, "OUT OF CONCERN FOR OUR EMPLOYEES YOU MUST USE THE REAR ENTRANCE." I knew the Town offices were closed Friday afternoon and the rumors that someone felt threatened. When I was serving this fine town, we did have a threatening person we had to plan for it. It included a code word for this individual, and a plan. At one time a police officer was asked to come and stay at the building on a day we expected him to visit. Although we were concerned, we never locked the front door.



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An emergency, nonpublic selectmen's meeting was held last Friday. I would guess to address this concern. Today is Thursday, and not a word from the town. When does a concern become a threat? Should we all be concerned, maybe? Here we are, nearly a week later and the plan to protect the employees is to buzz everyone in the back door.

Safety today is a serious issue. I am concerned as everyone. Shouldn't the Board of Selectmen tell us what happened last Friday that closed the town offices? Did the panic button get pushed and the police respond? Did someone enter the building with a gun? Was there a bomb threat? Should we

have an police officer posted at the Academy until the concern passes? These are serious questions that should be answered today by our Board of Selectmen.

This is the Board of Selectman's response. Silence.

Don Guarino

Gilmanton