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## ABERCROMBIE THANKS STAFF FOR CRISIS REACTION

J. Scott Abercrombie Jr., M.D., president, today extended his heartfelt thanks to University Hospital employees for their cooperation in assuring the continued smooth operation of the Hospital during this morning's extremely trying hostage situation.

As most employees already know, a University Hospital employee was held captive in an elevator opposite the nursing station on C-3 by a man with a knife.

Through what President Abercrombie called "the masterful handling" of the situation by the Boston Police Department and its trained specialists in hostage negotiating, the situation was resolved at 10:25 this morning. The police subdued the man and rescued the employee he had been holding after more than two hours of negotiations.

Abercrombie especially praised the solid performance of those employees and departments directly involved in keeping the area secure, cooperating with the Boston Police and attending to patients during the ordeal. Abercrombie also extended thanks to Boston's Department of Health and Hospitals, which had a rescue team on hand during the emergency.

"Everyone involved was calm and competent. They demonstrated professionalism as well as compassion," said Abercrombie. He also thanked patients, visitors and the entire staff for their understanding during this rare upset in Hospital routine.