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Firefighters waited to remove the bomb until Transcontinental is able to shut the pipeline

tographed TV reporters and politicians converged at the scene.

Many residents simply went about their business, going to jobs or holiday shopping. Others were frightened and worried, roused from sleep by police officers. Some were annoyed, and repeatedly pressed police to allow them access to their cars and homes.

"I came out in my slippers," said Melissa Kripaitis, a 20-year-old college student who lives on Willowbrook Road. "One of the neighbors gave me socks — I don't even know her."

"I was scared and I didn't even know what was going on," she said. "They said there was a package."

Sarah Rotenstein, also in slippers, said she was alarmed.

"We're Israelis so we know about bombs. But in Jerusalem, no re in New York," she said. A teacher, she said she had planned to spend the day marking 150 tests.



A family evacuated from their home walk down Forest Hill Road towards Boone Street.



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