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INCIDENT: Attempted Murder-Carr Avenue
CASE #: 18-347

On Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 10:42 a.m. the Fairbanks Police Department responded to a call from a male that the caller’s friend had been shot and the suspect tried to shoot the caller also.

The caller did not know what direction the suspect fled. As local law enforcement and EMS responded to the scene, the Fairbanks Police Department called the two nearby schools and the FNSB School District officials to recommend that the schools be locked down, and then a Nixle alert was sent.

School officials immediately implemented their safety procedures for a potential threat outside the building by locking the exterior doors, clearing the hallways, lowering shades, and remaining quiet.

Officers tracked the suspect throughout the Aurora Subdivision and the businesses on Danby Street. Shortly after the schools were locked down, a suspicious male was seen at the main doors of Randy Smith Middle School. The male, later identified as the suspect, was unable to enter the school due to the actions of the Randy Smith staff.

The search continued over the next two hours in the Aurora/Danby area while officers also began checking places the suspect frequented. The Alaska State Troopers contacted and detained the suspect at 1:00pm at a Yale Way residence and the schools and district officials were immediately notified.

The Fairbanks Police Department would like to commend the staff at Anne Wien Elementary and Randy Smith Middle School for their quick actions in protecting the students and staff from the immediate threat.

The FNSB School District greatly appreciates the leadership of school staff who were diligent and resourceful in their efforts to keep their school communities safe and manage student needs for the duration of the lockdown.

Fairbanks Police and FNSB School District officials understand that a school lockdown is disruptive and concerning, however the security of our schools and the safety of our children is a priority. Tuesday’s incident is proof that successful coordination and communication between law enforcement and the school district can and did prevent a violent armed suspect from entering one of our schools.

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