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SUBJECT: *P. K. Yonge Developmental Research School Lockdown*

CASE REPORT: *23-0557*

DATE OF INCIDENT: *April 27, 2023*

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On April 27, 2023, at approximately 11 a.m. the University of Florida Police Department Dispatch Center received several calls that were transferred from the Alachua County Combined Communications Center indicating a gunman was on the P. K. Yonge campus. The UFPD School Resource Officer and school staff were immediately notified and activated a lockdown of the campus.

Additional UFPD officers assigned to Patrol, the Criminal Investigations Division, and Training responded to P. K. Yonge and joined the school's Safety Team with conducting a methodical search of the campus. While the search of the campus was being conducted, the UFPD Criminal Investigations Division began investigating the information provided by the callers.

The search of the campus revealed there was no active threat, and the lockdown was ultimately lifted.

Detectives continued their investigation throughout Friday and confirmed the information provided to law enforcement was a misinterpretation by a concerned citizen who thought there was a danger to the P. K. Yonge campus.

The University of Florida strongly feels that campus safety is a shared responsibility. Reporting suspicious activity to law enforcement is encouraged by calling 911 or through the Gator Safe app.

Any questions regarding the information contained in this release, please contact UFPD Public Information Officer, Captain Latrell Simmons at 352-392-3345 or via email at upd-pio@ad.ufl.edu. Media requests can be made online at www.businessaffairs.ufl.edu/resources/media-request-form/ or by visiting the UFPD webpage at <http://www.police.ufl.edu>.

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