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DISTRICT CLARIFIES ITS KNOWLEDGE OF EVENTS AT CVHS

The report of a possible gun presence in the parking lot at Canyon View High School was not brought to the high school administration's attention until school ended on Monday. School administrators also learned at that time about the fight in the parking lot and that the two incidents were suspected to be connected. Law enforcement advised that the suspect was no longer on school grounds and that the report of a presence of a gun was not verified.

Early Tuesday morning, law enforcement informed district and school administrators the suspect involved in both incidents was under surveillance and advised an increased police presence at the school as a response to the situation.

Late Wednesday evening at about 9 p.m., district administration was informed that there may have been a dispatch call received early Tuesday related to the incident. Late Thursday, at about 5:20 p.m., Cedar City Police contacted district and school administrators to report that they had confirmed a dispatch call was received from a community member early Tuesday morning at 12:14 a.m., warning about a possible threat made by the suspect to shoot up the school. The suspect had been in custody for two days when school and district administrators learned of the dispatch call.

"Iron County School District administrators and Board of Education members have been meeting and will continue to meet with law enforcement to review and adjust current practices and procedures to ensure student safety at our schools," Superintendent Dr. Lance Hatch said.

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