



PRESS RELEASE

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ONE INJURED IN SHOOTING INCIDENT

FAIRBANKS, Alaska

This afternoon at approximately 1:15 PM the Fairbanks Fire Department (FFD) responded to the Noel Wien Library to attend to an individual who reportedly had been injured when a cell phone charger plugged into an outlet exploded. Moments after arrival FFD contacted Fairbanks Police Department and requested police response after realizing the injury to the victim had been caused by a bullet and not the electrical outlet or any device plugged into it.

Preliminary investigation by the responding officer revealed the victim, an 18 year old native male, had been seated at a table working on his laptop. He was struck by a bullet which ricocheted off a wall and access panel before entering and exiting his right forearm. The bullet was recovered at the scene and no other individuals were injured. A firearm was not observed nor were there any reports of disputes between the victim and anyone inside the library. Witnesses did report hearing a possible gunshot prior to the event.

According to the victim there was a subject seated on the opposite end of his table at the time of this event. The victim reports this subject checked on him after being struck by the bullet. Police are attempting to identify this person of interest. He was described as an African American male in his 20's, stocky with possible dread locks and a beard. The man was said to be wearing a blue sweatshirt or jacket. Investigation is ongoing which will include the review of any video surveillance.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Officer Ace Adams at aadams@fairbanks.us. FPD case 17-911.

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