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Delaware State University Police Chief James Overton's Statement

The Delaware State University Police Department is currently investigating a shooting incident that took place earlier this morning.

Some time between 12 midnight and 1 a.m., on Friday morning (this morning) a group of about 8-10 students left the Village Café and dispersed. At some point soon thereafter some of those students ended up in the pedestrian mall area between Grossley Hall and Memorial Hall. Shortly before 1 a.m., a gun was produced in the area among those people and about 4-6 shots were fired. A 17-year-old male student and a 17-year-old female student – both from Washington D.C. were struck by gunfire.

The DSU Police were contacted at 12:54 a.m. and informed that there had been a shooting at that location and that there were injuries. Ambulances were called immediately and the police dispatched to the crime scene where they found the two wounded students. The students were transported to local hospitals.

The male student, who was shot once, is in stable condition. The female student, who was shot twice, is in serious condition. In accordance with federal laws relating to the privacy of students, we are not at liberty to divulge anymore details about their injuries.

The DSU Police and the Dover Police are conducting a joint investigation and have interviewed numerous persons. They have identified two persons of interest – both students – one of whom they have located and are in the process of interviewing. The police are searching for the other one person of interest. The joint investigation is continuing and those two agencies are also receiving some addition assistance for the Delaware State Police, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearm & Explosives, U.S. Marshall and the Delaware Attorney General's Office. However, the DSU Police is the lead investigator in this case.