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One person dead, another injured in shooting at MTSU following high school graduation

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (May 18, 2022) – One person is dead and another one was injured after a shooting on the Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) campus. The shooting occurred after a high-school graduation on Wednesday, May 18.

“The shooting at Middle Tennessee State University is a tragedy for our community,” said Murfreesboro Police Department (MPD) Public Information Officer Larry Flowers. “We mourned with the family who lost a loved one and the victim who was injured.”

At approximately 8:51 p.m. MPD officers and MTSU police responded to an area of campus at the corner of Middle Tennessee Blvd. and Greenland Drive and found two people suffering from gunshot wounds. The victims were located near the tennis court next to the Murphy Center.

One victim is deceased and the other injured and is critical but stable condition.

The shooting occurred as people were leaving a high school graduation being hosted on the campus of MTSU.

MPD Criminal Investigation Division homicide detectives are working closing with Middle Tennessee State University Police, Rutherford County Sheriff’s Office, and Tennessee Highway Patrol.

All agencies are continuing their search for a suspect. MPD K9 units were joined by K9s from the sheriff’s office and ran a track of the area. The suspect remains on the run.

Please stay clear of the area and residents in the immediate area are asked to call us at 615 893 2717 if they notice anything suspicious.

We ask for the public’s patience as the investigation is still active.

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