

WEATHERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

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Weatherford High School students had quite a scare tonight at their Homecoming Dance when they were evacuated due to multiple threats of a person with a weapon. Weatherford Police Officers were at the dance and responded quickly, calling in more Officers, but found no truth to these reports. The following is what we have found so far.

On September 14th at 8:43 pm, 4 WPD Officers were working off-duty security during the Weatherford High School Homecoming Dance held in the school gymnasium. Officers working the dance, saw a school administrator in an altercation with a 17-year-old student. The student was reported to have been smoking a THC vape on the dance floor, and 2 WPD Officers responded to assist. A fight continued on the dance floor, and the student was ultimately arrested and removed from the building. Officers prepared the student for transport in the parking lot, while the remaining Officers stayed inside the dance. The school administrator received minor injuries from this incident.

At approximately 8:48 pm, Officers inside the dance were told that someone had a gun and requested more assistance from patrol. The threats were taken seriously, and Officers responded quickly to address the threats and were armed appropriately. EMS was staged nearby. School administrators began evacuating the school, while Officers searched the building. Additional reports came in of a person with a weapon in a bathroom and at the baseball fields. WPD Officers conducted thorough searches of the buildings and baseball fields.

No weapons or evidence of a weapon being used were found. No shots were heard by any Officers on scene at any point. Additionally, Officers and WHS Campus Security reviewed surveillance video from within the school and did not see any weapons at any point.

Our Officers were at the homecoming dance the entire time and the students' safety is our utmost priority. We are asking parents to talk to their students about this incident and to seek support from their school counsellors if needed. If they have any additional information on this incident, they can call us at (817) 598-4300.