



Ferris State University Student Shot in Off-Campus Incident (Update 11 a.m. Feb. 1, 2014)

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Ferris State University and Big Rapids police authorities continue to contain the Ferris campus and surrounding area in search of a suspected shooter who, earlier this morning, entered an off-campus apartment at Venlo Place in Big Rapids and shot a man, who is a Ferris student. The man shot is being transferred to Spectrum Hospital in Grand Rapids and is not believed to have sustained life-threatening injuries.

Authorities are securing Venlo Place and residences on Finch Court, well as other areas of campus. Big Rapids residents also are being notified of the situation so they can take necessary precautions.

Residents are still strongly being urged to stay inside and exercise extreme caution until the shooter has been apprehended. The suspect is described as a 6-foot African-American male with dreadlocks, age 20-25, 150-180 lbs., and was wearing black cargo pants, a red sweatshirt and black vest. Anyone with information is urged to call Ferris DPS at 591-5000.

All activities on the Ferris campus scheduled for today, Saturday, Feb. 1, will be canceled or suspended. Canceled events include the men's and women's basketball games against Saginaw Valley State University and the Big Rapids High School hockey game and a youth hockey tournament. A youth hockey tournament, scheduled to be played on campus, is suspended until 6 p.m.

Counseling services are being made available to Ferris students impacted by this incident.

The Rock Café and the FLITE Library will be open. The Student Recreation Center opens at 12 p.m. Information updates will continue to be posted on ferris.edu as they become available.

More information will be posted on www.ferris.edu as it becomes available.

The direct update page is <http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/archive/2014/february/shooting.htm>

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