2nd Update re. Report of Person Shot

Detectives report that the shooting in Lake Vista Park this afternoon was apparently accidental in nature.

According to detectives, a 15 year old student who attends Lakewood High School admitted that he obtained a handgun which he was showing to another juvenile in the park.

During that time the gun accidentally discharged wounding the 16 year old victim who was standing near-by. The victim, who attends another school, was struck in the foot. The victim and the shooter are not acquaintances.

Afterwards the shooter fled the area and claimed to have passed the gun off to another juvenile to get rid of it. It is believed that the gun used may have been taken in a burglary, but detectives are still attempting to locate it so that can be confirmed.

While the shooter had been on the Lakewood campus earlier in the day, it’s not clear whether he brought the gun with him at that time.

The investigation is still ongoing and charges are pending.

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Lakewood High has been taken off lockdown.

Details are still vague at this time, but it appears the 16 year old victim alleges he was shot in the foot by another unidentified B/M juvenile last seen wearing a denim jacket, jeans and brown boots. The motive is unknown.

Detectives are still interviewing the victim and if I get anything further I will certainly let everyone know.
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Report of Person Shot

We are currently on the scene of a report of a person shot at Lake Vista Park, 62nd Avenue South and 16th Street.

Preliminary reports indicated that a 16 year old male was shot in the foot while in the park. He has been transported to the hospital for treatment.

We are still investigating the circumstances surrounding the shooting and near-by Lakewood High School is currently on lockdown.

We will provide an update when we get more information.

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