



ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL & MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 23, 2023

Dear Alabama A&M University community,

The safety and well-being of our students and campus community will always be our top priority. We deeply regret the distress caused by the unfortunate incident on our campus yesterday and want to assure you that we are taking every measure to maintain the ongoing safety and security of our campus.

I want to thank our campus police and University staff who worked quickly to move students to safety and provide updates in real time. I'm also proud of our students who displayed an incredible amount of patience and vigilance during an evolving emergency situation.

Last evening, Campus Police Chief Montez Payton provided the University's official comments on the timeline of the events. All further inquiries will be directed to the Huntsville Police Department (HPD), which is leading the investigation.

In relation to the incident, HPD has indicated that the shooting was an isolated occurrence stemming from a confrontation between two individuals who both sustained minor injuries and received medical attention. The HPD Violent Crimes Unit Investigators have determined that this was not an active shooter incident and that no evidence suggests the involvement of any other parties.

As with all campus emergencies, Bulldog Alerts were prioritized to keep us all aware as this incident developed. I encourage all who live, learn, and work on The Hill to make sure you are registered to receive these critical updates as one of our campus' first lines of defense in keeping all Bulldogs safe.

I understand the concerns this incident has raised. Please know that we remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our campus community. We will continue to cooperate with law enforcement agencies and take necessary actions to prevent such incidents in the future.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Daniel K. Wims, Ph.D.
President

Dr. Daniel K. Wims

P.O. BOX 1357, NORMAL, AL 35762-4900 - (256) 372-5230