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CENTRAL AND FRESNO USD JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING LAST NIGHT'S SHOOTING

At approximately 10:17 Friday night, nearing the end of the Central High School versus Bullard High School football game at Deran Koligian Stadium, a shooting occurred in the parking lot. Police reported a 19-year-old was shot by another 19-year-old. The shooter attempted to flee the scene, but thanks to the swift response of the Fresno Police Department he was quickly detained and taken into custody. The victim received immediate treatment on scene and was transported to the hospital where he is now in stable condition.

The Central and Fresno Unified School Districts take this matter very seriously. We're grateful that no current students, staff, or families of either district were involved, but we know that all who were in attendance are grappling with the aftermath of being exposed to this kind of violence. Mental health support staff will be available at schools on Monday to help students and staff navigate through this difficult situation. Students and families are urged to contact their school districts for any support they may need.

The Central and Fresno Unified School Districts continue to work with the Fresno Police Department as the investigation continues. We would like to thank Fresno Police officers, Fresno firefighters and EMS staff for their life saving actions and speedy response.

Media questions regarding the investigation are being directed to the Fresno Police Department.

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