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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT
Eli Capilouto

Members of the University Community,

Shortly before 1 p.m. this afternoon, a man was seen entering Buell Armory. An employee there saw him and suspected he was carrying a gun. He immediately called the UK Police Department. Officers were on the scene within 90 seconds and quickly apprehended the suspect who remains in custody. Police confirm the individual was carrying a gun. The man in question – Diontre Davis – is being charged with carrying a concealed weapon and criminal trespassing. Other charges will likely be filed.

Last spring, a UK student filed a complaint with UK Police regarding ongoing social media posts, allegedly from Davis, that the student found harassing. UK Police located Davis, who is not a UK student and lives in Texas, and have been monitoring his whereabouts since that time.

I want to applaud the responsiveness of our UK Police Department, who acted with tremendous skill and speed to a dangerous situation. I also want to thank employees in the Armory, who -- when they saw something they thought was suspicious -- did not hesitate to report it to UK Police. Campus safety is everyone's responsibility.

I understand there may be questions about why, in this instance, we did not issue a UK Alert as a potentially dangerous incident occurred on our campus. The incident in question was handled so quickly that an Alert would not have been effective in this case.

However, I wanted our campus community – and the broader community we serve -- to know what happened.

Thank you.

Eli Capilouto
President

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