



## News and Information

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### **Report of Armed Male on School Grounds Incident Happened Before Elementary School Was Open**

**Shoreline:** At 7:20 this morning Shoreline Police responded to the report of an armed male seen on the property of Meridian Park Elementary school in the 17400 block of Meridian Ave North. A school employee reported he had been making a delivery at the school when he saw a male that he believed had some type of long gun. This unknown male made a statement that alluded to him going to all of the schools. There was nothing else said. The employee took this as a threat and he went into the school and called 9-1-1.

The elementary school was immediately placed in lockdown. School hadn't started, and there were only a few children on site. A search of the school grounds and buildings didn't find anything amiss. A K9 unit from Seattle Police attempted a track with negative results. Other Shoreline schools were placed in lockdown and officers and deputies were sent to every school in the district to check for the suspect.

The school district made the decision to close all district schools for the day. Shoreline Police, Lake Forest Police, and King County Sheriff's deputies assisted at each of these schools to make sure all children were safe and accounted for.

The only description of the suspect is a male of unknown age and unknown race. He was described as wearing a dark hoodie with the hood up and camouflage pants.

Detectives from the Major Crimes Unit responded to the scene to conduct the investigation. No suspect has been identified or arrested. The investigation will continue and anyone with information on this incident is urged to call the King County Sheriff's Office Communications Center at (206) 296.3311.

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