



Fridley Public Safety

Update: Press Release on March 7 Officer Injury

March 8, 2024

The officer involved in the March 7 incident at Fridley High School is School Resource Officer Nico Wallat (waa-luht). He was transported to North Memorial Health Hospital for treatment. Wallat was discharged from the hospital March 8 and will be on leave during his recovery.

On March 8, Fridley Police made three additional arrests to the investigation – a 16-year-old female and two 14-year-old females. Thus far, six suspects in total were arrested and transported to a local juvenile facility.

This incident is under investigation. As information becomes available, we will update the status of the investigation.

Note: The March 7 press release is located on the second page of this PDF.

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On March 7 at 3:08 p.m., officers were dispatched to Fridley High School on the report of a disturbance in the parking lot. The School Resource Officer (SRO) onsite requested additional resources after locating several students engaging in a physical altercation. The SRO, in the interest of public safety, physically intervened to prevent further bodily harm to other students and staff members.

While separating the assault suspects, a bystander not involved in the original incident intentionally kicked the officer in the head, causing severe harm. The officer was transported to North Memorial Health Hospital for treatment. His medical status is stable at this time.

The suspect who kicked the officer was apprehended, and the two suspects involved in the original incident were arrested. There is no ongoing threat to the public.

Officers from Spring Lake Park, Columbia Heights, Blaine, Coon Rapids, Anoka, Lino Lakes and Anoka County Sheriff's Office assisted during the incident.

This incident is under investigation. No further information will be released at this time.

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