

FAMU Football Player, Two Others Injured in Shooting

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Running back's season cut short by stray bullet; police arrest a suspect

Joyous celebration after the FAMU Rattler football victory over Delaware State ended as a shooter injured three people, including one of the players, late Saturday, Sept. 5.

A text alert sent by the university early Sunday said, "All clear/arrest made. An arrest has been made in the shooting incident on FAMU campus." Lt. Norman Rollins of the Florida A&M University Police Department described the incident. "Basically, what we had was a dispute between two groups. One of the individuals took out a weapon, a firearm, and commenced shooting at the other group which was in a car." According to local news reports, Rattler running back LaVante Page, a sophomore from Douglasville, Ga., was shot in the arm while walking with his 14-year-old cousin and a 17-year-old friend. All three were taken to area hospitals. The Tallahassee Democrat reported that Page will have surgery and is out for the season.

Students were confined to their dorms, cars were cut off from Wahnish Way and police officers were not allowed to comment on the case.

Page came off a strong 61-yard performance in which the first six plays were run by him.

FAMU PD confirmed that the shooter fired from the Gibbs Hall parking lot, hitting the victims in front of the Reserve Officer Training Corps building and the new Multipurpose Center Teaching Gym.

The shooter was not immediately apprehended, but was later reported to be in custody. Students received text alerts from the university that said where the suspects were headed and to stay in the dorms.

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From The Famuan, the FAMU student newspaper, and news reports.