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(CPD Case# 20-4688-OF)

School Shooting (February 5, 2020)

(CONCORD, NH) On February 5, 2020 Concord Police Officers responded to Second Start, a non-profit educational facility, at 450 North State St. for a disturbance involving a firearm. The New Hampshire State Police Major Crime Unit was requested to assist with processing the scene. It was determined that a student of the school had entered the facility with a firearm and discharged the weapon. A joint investigation was completed by the Concord Police Department and New Hampshire State Police. During the investigation, interviews were conducted with students, staff and family members. As a result of this investigation, it was determined that the student fired two shots while inside the school. The first shot was fired in the direction of one of the staff members of Second Start. The round struck a desk that the staff member was sitting behind, narrowly missing the staff member. After firing the first round, the student turned the gun on himself committing suicide. This was a tragic incident that was thoroughly investigated by both agencies. The case was recently closed by both the Concord Police Department and New Hampshire State Police.

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