

Hero High School Principal Takes a Bullet to Stop School Shooter

An Oklahoma high school principal was shot Tuesday as he confronted a former student who entered the school with a gun

Principal Kirk Moore of Pauls Valley High School was shot in the leg, according to KOTV-TV.

Victor Hawkins, 20, a former student at the school, was identified by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation as the suspect in the shooting.

Hawkins faces two counts of Pointing a Firearm, one count of Shooting with Intent to Kill, and two counts of Unlawful Carry.

Moore was taken by helicopter to a hospital, where his injuries were pronounced non life-threatening.



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"Principal Moore acted bravely to protect students' lives. Sarah and I are praying for his quick recovery. I'm thankful for the swift response from law enforcement and school staff, and I'm grateful no students were harmed," Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt said.

The incident took place at about 2:20 p.m.

"The principal of the school had noticed that an adult male subject, 20 years old, had stepped foot into the school with a gun," Hunter McKee with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation said, according to KOCO-TV.

"When the principal noticed this, he quickly stepped in, as well as other staff. The subject was able to fire multiple rounds, where the principal was hurt, but no one else was," he said.

"The actions of the staff and the principal stepping in as soon as they saw a subject with a firearm saved lives today," McKee said.