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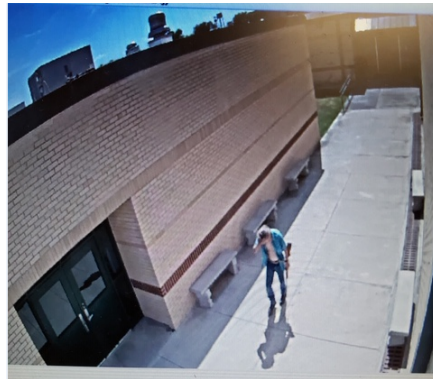
On Wednesday, August 8, 2019, shortly before 4:00 pm, a witness called 911 and reported seeing a man carrying a rifle and walking across the Paradise ISD campus. Wise County Sheriff's Office deputies and other law enforcement officers were dispatched to PISD. A DPS trooper was on the scene within five minutes. The man with a gun was not immediately found. Other troopers, deputies and nearby officers arrived. Soon Paradise VFD and Wise County EMS were also on scene.

A perimeter was established. PISD placed the school on lock-down. Band members, student-athletes, faculty and students were on campus. They were moved to a safe location. Eventually, all students, teachers, and most of the staff were evacuated.

Review of PISD video images verified the man was carrying a rifle. The man was identified as Elvin Ray Fox. He lived only a few blocks from the campus. The search for Fox was conducted by officers on foot, officers in patrol units, with a drone, and via the Texas DPS helicopter. Later in the afternoon it was noticed that a ceiling tile in the Paradise High School had been disturbed. Officers began searching the ceiling crawl space. At about 10:00 pm, Fox and his rifle were found wedged between two interior concrete block walls. The Paradise VFD utilized power-tools to extricate Fox from the wall. He was taken into custody on a mental health detention order. Warrants are being prepared charging Fox with Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon (Places Weapons Prohibited – Safe Zone) and Felon in Possession of Firearm.



Elvin Ray Fox, 59, Paradise, TX



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