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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
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**VPD Responds to Unfounded Gunfire Report Near Golden West High School; Incident Unrelated to School Track Meet**

At 7:21 p.m., Visalia PD responded to reports of shots fired near Golden West High School, where a track meet was being held. The caller reported that someone on a dirt bike had fired a gun, causing a commotion.

Despite initial concerns, a staff member at the school confirmed that everything was normal on campus. As officers arrived on the scene, there was no commotion or people running; everything appeared as usual. The actual incident occurred on the St. Johns trail, where an altercation between a dirt bike rider and a transient took place. Witnesses stated that the rider possibly fired a round into the air during the altercation before leaving the scene on the dirt bike. However, there was no evidence of shots being fired.

We want to reassure everyone that there were no incidents involving the school, its staff, or students.

