



VFC Shield Alert Follow-up

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On April 15th 2021, the Virginia Fusion Center issued an alert for an active shooter incident at a FedEx facility in Indianapolis Indiana. The below product, produced in collaboration with Hanover County Shield, serves as an alert follow up giving further details on the incident.



8 Die In Shooting At FedEx Ground Facility

Date of Incident - April 15th 2021



Attack Overview

At approximately 11:00pm on April 15th 2021 a man opened fire at the FedEx Ground facility just outside Indianapolis' main airport killing 8 people.

According to law enforcement, the suspect exited his car in the parking lot and started shooting and continued as he entered the building. The gunman was killed from a self-inflicted gunshot wound shortly before police arrived

The shooting occurred during a shift change at the FedEx plant, and many workers were either just arriving to the facility or outside on break when the shooting began in the parking lot.

Suspect

The suspect has been identified as 19 year-old Brandon Hole from Indianapolis who was previously known to the FBI. Hole was a former employee of the facility and last worked for the company in 2020.



Sources

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How to Respond in an Active Attacker Situation

Run

- Have an escape route and plan in mind.
- Leave your belongings behind.
- Keep your hands visible.

Hide

- Your second option should be to hide.
- Do not huddle together, because it makes an easy target.
- Lock and barricade doors and shut off lights.

Fight

- Fighting is a last resort to be used only when your life is in imminent danger.
- Attempt to incapacitate the attacker.
- Find an object to use as a weapon, such as a fire extinguisher or chair.



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