Watts still in critical condition

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A UA football player remained in critical but stable condition last night after being shot at a party early Sunday morning.

Sheldon Watts, a pro-bowl freshman, was taken to University Medical Center after being shot in the chest and arm, police reports stated.

"We take this very seriously," said Jim Livengood, UA director of athletics at a press conference yesterday morning.

Watts, 18, a redshirt offensive guard for the football team, was at a birthday party at South Alamo Avenue and East Fourteenth Street when a confrontation broke out around 2 a.m. Sunday. The confrontation moved outside and gunshot.

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Terror readiness drill shuts down half of campus

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At 6:00 a.m. yesterday campus was thrown into a state of emergency with fire alarms sounding, fire trucks lining the streets and bystanders on the ground. The crisis was all part of a week-long disaster drill to help better prepare emergency workers for real emergencies.

The drill involved a hypothetical situation, treated like a real emergency, in which a van with a bomb in it exploded next to the Physics and Atmospheric Sciences building on East Fourth Street, and a natural gas leak force the buildings to evacuate.

Portions of North Highland Avenue were also partially blocked off. The Physical and Atmospheric Sciences, Biological Sciences East, Microbiology and Veterinary Sciences, Astronomy, Chemistry, Math, Social Sciences, Gould-Simpson, and Family and Consumer Sciences buildings were all evacuated during the drill along with the KCCD and Yayava Hall. Most classes were canceled in these buildings.

Sgt. Eugene Mejia, UA police spokesman, briefed reporters around 9:25 a.m. about the emergency.

"We got an explosion call at 8:16 a.m. with multiple victims on site," Mejia said.

An unranked command post had been formed with Tucson Fire Department, Tucson Police Department, and UAPD.

Mejia said EMT officers, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms officers and explosives detection canine were on site.

"These have been multiple businesses and we're trying to notify the next of kin as soon as possible," Mejia said. "We are still trying to determine the suspect."