Shooting Incident Not on the CAU Campus

ATLANTA (July 9, 2009) – Clark Atlanta University is issuing this statement to definitively clarify that the shooting incident involving CAU police officers that took place yesterday at approximately 2:00 p.m. did not occur on the CAU campus, but occurred on a local street approximately four city blocks east of the campus.

Though the incident location was not physically on CAU’s campus, it did fall within the Department of Public Safety’s jurisdictional boundaries. This jurisdiction exceeds the CAU physical campus, and we share this jurisdiction with the Atlanta Police Department (APD). The boundaries are Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. (north), Interstate 20 (south), Joseph Lowery Boulevard (west) and Northside Drive (east).

CAU’s Department of Public Safety and the Atlanta Police Department had immediate control of yesterday’s incident. At no time were any students, faculty or staff in danger.

The APD is taking the lead on this ongoing investigation, and we are fully cooperating.

In a new development today, APD informed the Department of Public Safety that one of the perpetrators from yesterday’s incident had escaped Atlanta police custody, but he has since been captured.

Per Department of Public Safety policy and in keeping with standard police procedure, the officers will be placed on paid administrative leave during the investigation.

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