Dear Parents,

I write to make you aware of an arrest made here on campus this morning and the email below that was sent to all students. Although police have determined there was no immediate threat to campus, we want to make you aware of this situation and ask for your help in reinforcing with your student the importance of contacting appropriate officials if they see something unusual or have a concern. Specifically, you should know that Elon has banned all weapons from campus and takes this policy very seriously.

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Vice President for Student Life

Dear students, faculty, and staff,

University officials received an anonymous third-hand report through the students of concern website overnight with an allegation of a weapon on campus. The report stated that a student may have recently purchased a weapon, although it indicated that the individual had not threatened anyone or attempted to use the weapon.

Shortly after receiving notification, Elon University Police conducted a follow-up investigation, made contact with the student, seized a shotgun from his room in the Danieley Center, and determined there was no immediate threat to the campus. The individual was taken into custody without resistance or incident and has been charged with felony possession of a weapon on campus. In addition to criminal charges, the incident will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Elon has a long-standing university policy banning weapons on campus, in accordance with North Carolina law. There is signage about the policy throughout campus and information is shared with students through orientation and the student handbook. The university strictly enforces this policy; sanctions for violation range from disciplinary probation through permanent separation from the university.

We are grateful for the report by a member of the community and the swift action of the Student Life staff and University Police. Individuals are encouraged to report any suspicious or concerning activity or behavior to Campus Safety and Police by calling 911 (for immediate response), calling 336-278-5555, or via the LiveSafe app.

The students of concern reporting process through the Office of the Dean of Students can be accessed online at http://www.elon.edu/shareyoucare and is best used for non-emergency concerns about the well-being of a student.

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