OPVP offer condolences for student killed in NAU shooting

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“The Office of the President and Vice President is deeply saddened by news of a Northern Arizona University student killed in a shooting incident that took place on NAU campus Oct. 9.

All life is sacred and the loss of any life is tragic. Both Vice President Jonathan Nez and I are offering prayers for all those involved and affected by this terrible tragedy,” said President Russell Begaye.

“We want to thank the NAU Police Department and Flagstaff Police Department for responding in a rapid manner. We also want to encourage any students or faculty who have suffered trauma because of the shooting to seek counseling services as they see fit,” said Vice President Nez. “In this time of tragedy, the Navajo Nation stands by the university and mourns the tragic loss of an NAU student.”

President Begaye noted that many Navajo students attend NAU and both he and Vice President Nez are concerned about their safety and protection.

“In light of this shooting, OPVP would ask NAU to heighten security measures to further protect the lives of all students attending the university,” he said.

NAUPD responded to a call of shots fired at 1:20 a.m. The isolated incident took place in a

parking lot on the northeast end of the NAU campus. One person was killed and three others were injured. A suspect has been apprehended and is currently in custody with the Flagstaff Police Department.