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Dear PSU Community,

The tragic events of the last week have once more focused the nation's higher education community on issues relating to campus safety and security. Portland State University has been actively engaged in this national conversation.

Naturally there have been concerns expressed by many in our campus community regarding safety issues. Specifically many of you have contacted my office regarding the question of the legality of firearms with or without concealed weapons permits on the PSU campus property.

Portland State University buildings are defined as public buildings, therefore all students, faculty, staff and members of the public should know that it is against the law to possess a firearm on Portland State University campus, buildings or grounds. Any students, faculty, staff or members of the public that bring weapons onto campus will be subject to discipline and possible criminal prosecution.

Your Public Safety Office is committed to ensuring the safety of all those within the Portland State University community. Our officers will strictly enforce the prohibition of firearms on campus.

I ask that the campus community promptly report any firearms or other weapons that you see or are aware of to the Public Safety Office at (503) 725-4404. I know that working together for a safer campus will strengthen our ability to maintain and improve the safe and security conditions at Portland State.