SUBJECT: Hazmat Incident At Sisler Hall

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NARRATIVE:

At approximately 5:45 pm, the University of Florida Police Department (UFPD) and Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR) responded to a report of an injured person and chemical explosion that occurred at Sisler Hall, Building 0688.

Upon arrival, units from both UFPD and GFR assisted the injured person, a University of Florida student, and secured the lab where the incident occurred. The student, whose name has not been released at this time, was ultimately transported to Shands Hospital for further treatment and evaluation. After the GFR Hazmat Unit cleared the lab where the explosion occurred, it was determined that the materials involved were chemicals that at present have not been definitively determined as to type and quantity. Given the nature and toxicity of the potential chemicals involved and concern for public safety however, Sisler Hall was evacuated and will remain closed until clean-up and decontamination of the facility is completed. This process will likely take at least an additional day to complete.

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