



**ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Volcano Vista High School

Melissa Sedillo, Ed.S.  
Principal

Scott Elder  
Superintendent

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Dear Volcano Vista High School Families,

I am writing to share the details of an incident that happened on campus that has been brought to our attention by law enforcement and prosecutors.

Former student Rico Dukes showed up on campus dressed as a Bernalillo County Sheriff's Deputy with a badge and gun. Dukes signed into the front office and said he wanted to visit his former teachers. Nothing about Dukes caused concern or question, but we've since learned Dukes was impersonating an officer and has been arrested.

At no time did Dukes threaten anyone on our campus.

The District Attorney's office is charging Dukes with unlawful carrying of a deadly weapon on school grounds, unauthorized wearing of a uniform or badge, and impersonating a peace officer.

Albuquerque Public Schools Police are assisting in the investigation.

Please know that we are doing everything we can to keep students and staff safe. We continue to encourage everyone to report anything that appears suspicious. We are grateful to law enforcement for assisting with this incident and the DA's office for pursuing this case. Your continued support of Volcano Vista High School is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Melissa Sedillo  
Principal  
Volcano Vista High School

