Madden 19 tournament ends in violent shooting

By Matt Lynch Staff Writer

The Madden 19 tournament at the GLHF Game Bar on Sunday, Aug. 26 turned violent when a 24-year-old male identified as David Katz fired off rounds from a handgun after losing a game.

Katz opened fire, killing two and sending 11 to the hospital with injuries, then turned the gun on himself. Katz used one handgun that he brought in with him at the beginning of the tournament. This event was marked to be the 234 shooting incident of 2018, according to ABC News.

The tournament was being streamed live on Twitch, an online gaming channel, for viewers to watch online. Viewers could hear and watch victims take cover while chaos, screams and gunshots filled the room. Around 1:34 p.m, 911 calls were received. Officers arrived on the scene within just 2 minutes.

Cries for help were heard when officers arrived on the scene. Nine victims suffered gunshot wounds and 2 more were injured fleeing the scene. The surviving victims are in stable conditions, some victims even drove themselves to the hospital.

Brevard College student Jesse Leonard said, "It's unreal how an event like this that was supposed to be fun and bring people together could end in such tragedy, prayers go out to the victims and their families."

"I don't understand why someone would want to do such a terrible thing to innocent people over a video game," Wesley Ross, a Brevard College football player, said. "It seems this kind of event is happening more and more and it's just sad.".

David Katz was no stranger to the Madden tournaments. Katz went by the gamer name "Bread," winning the Madden tournament back in 2017.

Katz stayed in a hotel in Jacksonville for the tournament, authorities say. The FBI is conducting investigations in Katz's hometown of Baltimore, Maryland to search for more evidence regarding the shooting.



Police in Jacksonville, FL responding to a shooting at the GLHF Game Bar on Sunday after a gunman shot multiple people including himself.

Security Report

The most recent security reports for Brevard College have been released as of Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 3:36 p.m., according to Brevard College Campus Security.

Students have been caught smoking marijuana in their dorm rooms and citations have been issued by the Brevard Police Department. It is against state law and college policy to be in possession and for your own sake it is requested to not have drugs or paraphernalia on campus. Brevard College takes these matters seriously and if you have suspicion of someone using or in possession please contact Campus Security.

There have been cases of students disabling smoke detectors in their dorm rooms in order to smoke, use incense and to burn candles undetected. It is a violation to disable any type of fire alarm and to do so can result in severe municipal action as well as action from the college.

A bicycle was stolen from a bike rack near the North Villages. If located, please contact Campus Security.

It has been found that students are continuously propping open the doors of dorm buildings (most notably in the Villages). This is a serious breach of security and unauthorized individuals can enter private spaces. Please discontinue this action.

Everyone is requested to contact Campus Security at (828)-577-9590 if wrongful or suspicious activity is observed on campus.

— Zach Dickerson

Job fair

By Carmen Boone Arts & Life Editor

A Job Fair was held on Wednesday, Aug. 22 from 11 to 2 p.m. outside of Myers Dining Hall. Students were able to sign up for work study jobs for the fall and spring 2018-2019 semesters.

Tables included Admissions, Athletics, Science and Math, Marketing and Communications, Campus Life/Campus Activity Board (CAB), Music Department, Business and Finance Office, ELC, Teacher Education, Criminal Justice, WLEE, Facilities/Maintenance, Porter Center Tech./Theatre, Post Office, Dining Services, Information Technology, Jones Library, and Office of the Registrar. Overall there were 18 job areas where students could sign up for work study positions.

Admissions had positions available for tour guides and office assistants while athletics will have students helping out with sporting events. Marketing and Communications is seeking students who can attend events happening on campus and take pictures or videos for publication on the Brevard College website or to be used in other media in the community.

Work study in the ELC is where students can help out by tutoring other students in the library. The Porter Center Tech and Theatre work study includes things like lighting and costume design for productions, among other jobs. The Campus Post Office has students organize mail and packages as well as sort through spam mail. Those are just a few jobs work study students would be doing in different areas on campus.

Heather Kirkland was working a table where students turned in paperwork before they were able to sign up for work study. The table was for returners, transfers, and first time work study students. The people working the tables were very helpful and gave a lot of information about what each work study job entailed, mentioning things like hours available, appropriate work attire, and responsibilities for a specific job.



Students line up for information about jobs and work study postions at Wednesday's job fair outside of Meyers Dining Hall.