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Parkersburg Football Coach Shot and Killed, One Person in Custody

Parkersburg, IOWA--- The Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation is investigating the shooting death of Parkersburg High School football coach Ed Thomas. Around 7:47 a.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2009, a man walked into the Parkersburg High School weight room and shot Thomas multiple times. Ed Thomas, age 58, died a short time later at a Waterloo hospital.

Mark Becker, 24, was arrested and charged with first degree murder. He is currently being held in the Butler County Jail.

No students were injured, and the school was placed on lock down immediately following the shooting. In addition to the Parkersburg Police Department and the Butler County Sheriff's Department, several DCI agents and a DCI Crime Scene Team responded to the scene as well as the Iowa State Patrol.

The Department of Human Services has sent crisis counselors to talk with students.

The family of Ed Thomas has requested privacy at this time and requests the media not contact them.