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Kadena Air Base Responds to Active Shooter Incident

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan – At approximately 10:58 p.m., during a wing wide exercise, Kadena Air Base emergency response personnel responded to real world reports of an active shooter on the installation. Base emergency protocols were activated, and law enforcement officials arrived on scene. No active shooter threat was substantiated and the base resumed normal operations at 11:56 p.m. on August 4, 2026.

“Our priority is always the safety and security of everyone on Kadena Air Base.” said Brig. Gen. John Gallemore, 18th Wing commander. “The swiftness of identifying a potential threat, locking down the wing and verifying that the threat was unsubstantiated is a testament to our readiness and preparation as a team.”

No further details are available at this time.

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