

Platte Canyon High School



The History:

The school was constructed in 1958 and an annex was added in 2000

The legend:

In the storage area above the gym, several students found a faculty member that hanged himself. It was later determined that he had assaulted a 14-year-old freshman girl just before committing suicide. Ever since then students and faculty members have reported hearing strange footsteps, lights flickering and strange moaning sounds coming from the storage area. (Courtesy of the shadowlands)

The investigation:

We were contacted by the school to help determine validity of the claims of paranormal activity.

The story of the suicide has reached urban legend status. Before visiting the school, we stopped at a local diner for some food and questioned some of the locals about the story. Everyone that we talked to had a version of the story to share.



Our base location

Reported Activity:

- One of the current Janitors reported that he saw “things moving out of the corner of his eyes” in the storage area
- Employees and students claim that they have seen “people moving around and hearing footsteps and talking” coming from the storage space
- One current teacher said that after they had cleaned up the B gym they came back into the room several minutes later and all of the items had been set neatly in the center of the room



The Gym where the storage area is located

The Investigation:

A Parent and three students joined us for our investigation



The storage area

We started by conducting baseline EMF and temperature readings of the Storage area, the A & B Gyms, and the Pool area

After the equipment was setup to start monitoring the storage area we stopped because several people noticed what sounded like footsteps coming from the storage area. Six people heard this.



Hall leading to the storage area

Equipment:

- 2 I/R cameras in the storage area
- 2 microphones feeding directly to a CD recorder



Taking readings and notes in the storage area

We conducted hourly EMF and Temperature readings

The only unusual thing that was noted was, noises (thumps and bangs) were heard near the storage area when any of the person's present were in the storage area. These sounds were not heard any time that Bryan was present in the room.



Volunteers in the storage area

Conclusion:

While we could not confirm the story about the suicide, we have talked to several people “off the record” who claim that the story is based on some sort of real event.

Other than the personal experiences, we were unable to document any unusual activity.

A hostage situation and shooting at the school:

on September 27, 2006. The gunman, 53-year-old Duane Roger Morrison, took six female students hostage and sexually assaulted them, later releasing four. When police broke open the classroom's door with explosives, Morrison opened fire with a semi-automatic pistol before shooting hostage Emily Keyes in the head. The other remaining hostages escaped unharmed, and paramedics confirmed that Morrison had committed suicide shortly before police were able to enter the classroom. Keyes was pronounced dead at 4:32 p.m. MDT at Saint Anthony's Hospital in Denver, Colorado after undergoing emergency surgery - Wikipedia

We were contacted by local media about the shooting due to the fact that we had recently been to the school and the stories were similar.

Upon investigation we discovered that the shooter was obsessed with ghost stories and had even helped in the design of a local commercial haunted house. While we cannot conclude that he had any knowledge of the supposed previous events at the school they were eerily similar.