



Village of Mount Prospect **Press Release**



Mount Prospect Police Department Charge Person with Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm

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Bashkim Rockwell

On Friday, August 1, 2025, the Mount Prospect Police Department charged Bashkim Rockwell, 38 years-old, of 206 8th Avenue, Sterling, IL, with one felony count of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, two felony counts of Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding Police, one misdemeanor count of Fleeing and Eluding Police, and one misdemeanor count of Speeding 35 MPH or more over the limit. These charges stem from an investigation into the discharge of a firearm that occurred on July 25, 2025, at 13 W. Rand Road.

On Friday, July 25, 2025, at approximately 12:58 AM, the Mount Prospect Police Department responded to the McDonald's, 13 W. Rand Road, for a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, officers learned a dark colored sedan had pulled alongside a Honda Pilot at the drive-thru window, where the sedan driver tried to talk with the four 16 year-old juvenile occupants. The Honda then pulled forward to the next drive-thru window. The driver of the dark colored sedan pulled past the Honda while pointing a black colored handgun at the ground out of the car window. The juveniles reported hearing what they believed to be a gunshot as the sedan was at the front of the Honda. The dark colored sedan then sped out of the parking lot and fled the immediate area. The four juveniles were not injured and called 911 to report the incident. Damage was located on the side of the front bumper of the Honda and was consistent with being struck by a bullet.

Mount Prospect Police Crime Scene Technicians collected a shell casing and other evidence from the scene.

At approximately 1:40 AM on July 25, 2025, a Mount Prospect Police Officer was traveling in the area of Kensington Road and Wheeling Road when he observed a dark colored sedan, and the driver of the sedan matched the description from the shooting at McDonald's. The officer followed the sedan into the nearby neighborhood and was able to obtain the license plate of the sedan. The officer attempted to make a traffic stop on the sedan, which failed to stop and fled at a high rate of speed. During the pursuit, the sedan continued to gain distance from the officer's vehicle, which was traveling more than two times the speed limit. Due to the high rate of speed, disregard of red lights and the concern for the safety of the community, officers made the decision that it would be safer to the community to apprehend the offender at a later date and terminated the chase.

Mount Prospect Police Officers and Detectives were able to identify the offender as Bashkim Rockwell during the investigation. With the assistance of Whiteside County Sheriff John Booker and his deputies, Rockwell was taken into custody on July 31, 2025, in Sterling, IL.

After reviewing the facts of the case with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Rockwell was charged with one felony count of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, two felony counts of Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding Police, one misdemeanor count of Fleeing and Eluding Police, and one misdemeanor count of Speeding 35 MPH or more over the limit. Rockwell appeared at a detention hearing on August 2, 2025, where he was ordered detained until a court appearance scheduled for August 29, 2025, at 9:00 AM in room 108 of the 3rd District Court of Cook County in Rolling Meadows.

The public is reminded that criminal charges are not evidence of guilt and that all defendants in a criminal case are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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