



Village of Mount Prospect **Press Release**



Mount Prospect Police Department Charge Person With Armed Violence After Road Rage Incident

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On March 23, 2026, the Mount Prospect Police Department charged Edwin C. Laguna, 38 years old, of 330 Highland Avenue, Wheeling, Illinois, with one felony count of Armed Violence, one felony count of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon, one felony count of Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance, one felony count of Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance, one felony count of Aggravated Driving While License Revoked, one misdemeanor count of Unlawful Use of a Weapon, two misdemeanor counts of Aggravated Assault Using a Deadly Weapon, two misdemeanor counts of Disorderly Conduct, one misdemeanor count of Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, one misdemeanor count of Driving while License Revoked, one misdemeanor count of Unlawful Possession of Cannabis, and one petty offense of Transportation of Open Alcohol. All of these charges stem from a road rage incident that occurred on March 22, 2026, at approximately 4:00 PM in Mount Prospect.

On March 22, 2026, at approximately 4:00 PM, Mount Prospect Police Officers met with two victims at the Mount Prospect Police Department Headquarters who related they had just been followed for approximately seven miles by a blue colored Jeep SUV that was driving aggressively at their vehicle. The two victims related they initially noticed the driver of the blue colored Jeep SUV, later identified as Edwin C. Laguna, in the 1100 block of Boxwood Drive. Laguna was gesturing towards them, possibly displaying gang signs. The victims drove away from the area and realized that the Jeep had begun to follow their vehicle. The victims related that as they were driving, they observed a red laser coming from the Jeep, pointing at them multiple times and the driver holding an unknown object in his hand. The Jeep also quickly accelerated towards the victims' car, stopping just prior to crashing into them multiple times as they were being followed. As the victims drove westbound on Kensington Road to the Mount Prospect Police Headquarters to report this, the Jeep stopped following the victims. Mount Prospect Police Officers were able to identify a possible offending vehicle using automated license plate recognition cameras. Officers were able to locate the Jeep in the 500 block of Dogwood Lane with three occupants in the vehicle. While speaking with the occupants, officers observed open alcohol containers in the vehicle and conducted a search of the Jeep, discovering a handgun, a red laser attachment for the handgun, a possible controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, and empty and open alcoholic beverage containers in the vehicle. Officers took all three occupants of the Jeep into custody and transported them back to the Mount Prospect Police Headquarters.

After conducting the investigation into this incident, Mount Prospect Police Officers reviewed the facts of the case with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office on March 23, 2026, who

approved charging Edwin C. Laguna. He was charged with one felony count of Armed Violence, one felony count of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon, one felony count of Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance, one felony count of Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance, one felony count of Aggravated Driving While License Revoked, one misdemeanor count of Unlawful Use of a Weapon, two misdemeanor counts of Aggravated Assault Using a Deadly Weapon, two misdemeanor counts of Disorderly Conduct, one misdemeanor count of Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, one misdemeanor count of Driving while License Revoked, one misdemeanor count of Unlawful Possession of Cannabis, and one petty offense of Transportation of Open Alcohol. A detention hearing for Laguna was held, where he was ordered detained until his next court date. Laguna's next court date is set for March 31, 2026, at 9:00 AM in room 108 of the 3rd District Court of Cook County in Rolling Meadows.

The two passengers of the Jeep were each charged with one petty offense of Transportation of Open Alcohol and were released from custody.

"The swift and decisive action taken by our officers during this incident removed a dangerous weapon and a violent offender from our community," Deputy Police Chief Bart Tweedie said. "We will continue to prioritize the arrest of those who choose to endanger our residents, ensuring violent felons are held accountable for their actions and that our neighborhoods remain safe," he added.

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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