



# **MOUNT PROSPECT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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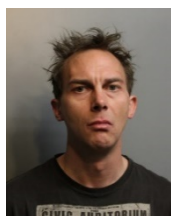
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## **Press Release**

### **Rideshare Driver Arrested for Criminal Sexual Assault**



Alexander P. Sowa

On May 2, 2019, the Mount Prospect Police Department arrested Alexander P. Sowa, 34 years old, of 1089 Shady Tree Lane, Wheeling, Illinois. Sowa was charged with one felony count of Criminal Sexual Assault stemming from an incident that occurred while Sowa was working as a rideshare driver for Lyft. The Elk Grove Village Police Department also charged Sowa with criminal offenses from the same incident.

On May 2, 2019, at approximately 9:55 AM hours, the Mount Prospect Police Department responded to the parking garage at 30 S. Emerson Street for an investigation of a criminal sexual assault. Upon arrival, officers learned Alexander P. Sowa, who was working as a Lyft rideshare driver at the time, had picked up a female passenger in Elk Grove Village, who requested transportation to a location in Des Plaines. Sowa drove the passenger, who had been drinking, to a location in Elk Grove Village instead of her desired location. Sowa proceeded to sexually assault the victim. Sowa then continued to drive the victim around and eventually drove to the parking garage in Mount Prospect, where he once again engaged in a sexual assault. The victim was able to get away from Sowa, where she found someone who called 911 for her.

Detectives from the Mount Prospect Police Department contacted the Elk Grove Village Police Department, who responded to Mount Prospect to take a statement from Sowa regarding the sexual assault that took place in their community. Alexander P. Sowa was charged with one felony count of Criminal Sexual Assault by the Mount Prospect Police Department. The Elk Grove Village Police Department also charged Sowa with two criminal offenses from this incident. Mount Prospect Detectives contacted Lyft about Sowa, who immediately terminated his employment. Sowa was transported to a Cook County Courthouse for a bond hearing on May, 4, 2019, where his bond was set at \$10,000.00 "D". Sowa's next court date is set for May 7, 2019, at the Cook County 3<sup>rd</sup> District Courthouse in Rolling Meadows at 1:30 PM.

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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