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NEWS RELEASE

Mount Prospect Police Department Arrest Two Juveniles for Shooting Water Beads at Pedestrian

On Wednesday, March 23, 2022, the Mount Prospect Police Department arrested and charged two 16 year old juveniles from Mount Prospect each with one violation of Village ordinance of Possession of a Dangerous Weapon by a Minor and one violation of Village ordinance of Disorderly Conduct – knowingly creating a disturbance of public order by an act of violence. These charges stem from an incident that occurred near the intersection of School Street and Berkshire Lane.

On March 23, 2022, at approximately 2:10 PM, the Mount Prospect Police Department responded to the area of School Street and Berkshire Lane for a 911 call of a person shot by an airsoft gun by a passing vehicle. The victim provided the 911 dispatcher with a vehicle description and partial license plate information, as well as a description of the occupants of the vehicle. A responding officer located a vehicle matching the description provided by the victim and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle in the 100 block of South Emerson Street. Officers located two (2) electric air guns containing water beads, also known as Orbeez, in the vehicle. The two juvenile occupants of the vehicle were brought to the police headquarters and were each subsequently charged with one Village ordinance violation of Possession of a Dangerous Weapon by a Minor and one Village ordinance violation of Disorderly Conduct – knowingly creating a disturbance of public order by an act of violence. Both juveniles were assigned to an upcoming adjudication court date.

The Mount Prospect Police are aware of the recent trend found on the social media platform TikTok called the “Orbeez Challenge”, and have taken multiple reports over the past week of juveniles shooting airsoft pellets or water beads at random bystanders from a gel-blaster gun or airsoft gun. Other local law enforcement agencies, as well as agencies across the country, have been taking reports of teenagers shooting at unsuspecting individuals, sometimes causing potentially serious and permanent injuries.



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“We are asking parents to take this incident as an opportunity to talk with their teenage children about the dangers and seriousness of actively participating in these types of trends they see on social media,” said Police Chief Michael Eterno.

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