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Contact: Officer Greg Sill
(847) 870-5656**PRESS RELEASE****Update: Mount Prospect Police Department Investigating Additional Vandalism**

On January 4, 2023 a Mount Prospect police officer was conducting a check of other bridges that crossed over Weller Creek and discovered additional graffiti on the structure beneath the Emerson Street Bridge, Elmhurst Road Bridge and See Gwun Avenue Bridge. One of the bridges contained racial slurs similar to the graffiti found at the George Street Bridge. At this time, it is unknown whether these additional bridges were vandalized during the same time frame as the George Street Bridge.

The hate graffiti will be removed immediately by Village staff. "This hateful vandalism is so wrong and disappointing for our community", said Mayor Paul Hoefert. "Our Police Department will make every effort to find the offenders and prosecute this hate case", Hoefert said.

Officers and detectives are still actively investigating these crimes and asking that anyone with information or video footage that might assist in identifying the offender(s) to contact the Mount Prospect Police Department at 847-870-5656. A reward of \$1,000 will be awarded to anyone providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the offenders.

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