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For Immediate Release

Contact: Officer Greg Sill
(847) 870-5656**PRESS RELEASE****Mount Prospect Police Department Respond to Hoax 911 Call of a Person Shot**

On January 17, 2023 at approximately 2:51 pm, officers responded to the 500 block of South Wille Street for a 911 call of a person shot in a residence. Officers arrived quickly to the area and began investigating the call. Officers were able to make contact with the homeowner, who was not at home, over the phone and were quickly able to determine that the 911 call was a hoax and an incident of "swatting". Officers conducted a thorough search of the home and did not locate anyone injured or shot. Mount Prospect Police Officers were able to determine there was no threat to the safety of the community.

"Swatting" is the act of creating a hoax 911 call typically involving acts of extreme violence to bring about a large police response to an unsuspecting person's residence. It is a deliberate and malicious act that creates an environment of fear and unnecessary risk.

At this time, the "swatting" call appears to have been placed from a person located in a different state. Investigators are continuing to investigate this hoax 911 call and ask anyone with any information that might assist in identifying and locating the offender in this incident please call the Investigative Unit at 847-870-5654.

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