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NEWS RELEASE

Mount Prospect Police Department Charge Juvenile with Unlawful Use of Weapon and Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm

On Wednesday, August 9, 2023, Mount Prospect Police Detectives arrested and charged a 15 year old from Wheeling with one felony count of Unlawful Use of Weapon and one felony count of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm. These charges stem from an investigation into a gang-related shooting that took place in the 1100 block of Boxwood Drive on December 12, 2022.

On Monday, December 12, 2022 at approximately 8:23 PM, the Mount Prospect Police Department responded to the 911 report of shots fired in the 1100 block of Boxwood Drive. Upon arrival, officers learned two people dressed in all black and wearing black ski masks were in the 1100 block of Boxwood Drive when an older model Honda Odyssey minivan drove by and an occupant of the Honda fired multiple shots out of the vehicle. The Honda fled the area and the two people wearing all black clothing fled the area prior to the arrival of officers. Officers searched the area and located two 9mm shell casings in the roadway of the 1100 block of Boxwood Drive. Officers located damage to an apartment laundry room window and an adjacent apartment wall consistent with being struck by a bullet. A fragment of a spent bullet was also located in the apartment where the damage was observed. The resident of the apartment was not injured.

During the thorough investigation, the two individuals wearing all black and ski masks were later identified and determined to be the intended targets of the shooting. Detectives conducted multiple interviews and obtained digital evidence from the scene. The evidence obtained identified the 15 year old juvenile as the offender. The juvenile was charged with one felony count of Unlawful Use of a Weapon and one felony count of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm and transported to the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center in Chicago. Nobody was struck by any bullets during this incident. The investigation into this incident is still open and on-going to identify any additional offenders.



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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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