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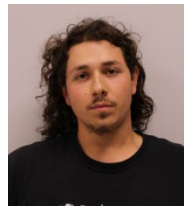
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NEWS RELEASE**Mount Prospect Police Department Charge Person with Attempted First Degree Murder in Shooting Investigation***James Alcantar*

On September 18, 2023, Mount Prospect Police Detectives officially charged James Alcantar, 19 years old, of 1730 West Palm Drive, Mount Prospect, with two felony counts of Attempted First Degree Murder. These charges stem from a shooting investigation that took place on September 16, 2023 in the 1700 block of West Palm Drive.

On September 16, 2023, at approximately 7:30 PM, the Mount Prospect Police Department responded to a 911 call to assist the ambulance at the CVS store, located at Golf and Busse, after a person entered the store with a gunshot wound. Officers arrived and located one male victim with a gunshot wound to the arm, who was transported to an area hospital in stable condition. The investigation led officers to a suspect in an apartment building in the 1700 block of Palm Drive. Officers secured the scene and ensured the safety of residents while they made contact with the suspect, later identified as James Alcantar, who exited the apartment and was taken into custody. Alcantar was transported back to the Mount Prospect Police Headquarters, where the investigation continued. During the investigation, detectives learned Alcantar threatened two males who were standing outside his apartment building. Alcantar exited his apartment building, ran at the two males while firing a handgun in their direction. One of the victims was struck by a bullet in the arm.



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On September 18, 2023, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office approved two felony counts of attempted first degree murder against Alcantar.

On September 19, 2023, Alcantar was taken to a detention hearing at the 3rd District Cook County Courthouse in Rolling Meadows. Alcantar was ordered to be detained until his next court date, which is October 13, 2023 at 9:00 AM in room 108 of the Rolling Meadows Courthouse.

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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