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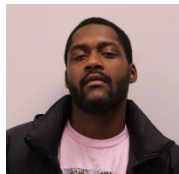
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NEWS RELEASE

Mount Prospect Police Department Charge Person with Felony Attempted Possession of a Vehicle



Marco C. Smith

On Friday, February 23, 2024, Mount Prospect Police Detectives charged Marco C. Smith, 23 years old, of 4219 W. Adams, Chicago, Illinois, with one felony count of Attempted Possession of a Motor Vehicle, one felony count of Burglary, and one misdemeanor count of Criminal Trespass to Vehicle. All these charges stemmed from an incident that occurred on November 6, 2023, at the gas station at 1201 E. Central Road.

On November 6, 2023, at approximately 12:08pm, Mount Prospect Police Officers responded to the 7-11 gas station, located at 1201 E. Central Road, for a report of a disturbance. As officers were enroute to the location, 911 dispatchers related that a masked offender had entered and then exited the victim's Mercedes-Benz SUV while she was pumping gas. Upon arrival to the business, officers learned that the victim was on the passenger side pumping gas into her vehicle, when an unknown person entered the unlocked driver's door of the Mercedes-Benz without the victim knowing. After the victim finished pumping gas, she walked back around the rear of her vehicle towards the driver's door when she observed an unknown black male wearing a mask exit her driver's seat of the car stating, "you can have it.". The offender ran to a waiting blue Audi SUV, which proceeded to flee the area prior to police arrival. Mount Prospect Police Crime Scene Technicians collected fingerprint evidence from the Mercedes-Benz and submitted it to the crime lab. The crime lab provided detectives with a report that identified the fingerprint located in the Mercedes-Benz belonged to Marco C. Smith.



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Mount Prospect Police Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Smith. On February 20, 2024, the Mount Prospect Police Department was contacted by the Chicago Police Department to share that they had Marco Smith in custody.

On February 23, 2024, Marco C. Smith was charged with one felony count of Attempted Possession of a Motor Vehicle, one felony count of Burglary, along with one misdemeanor count of Criminal Trespass to Vehicle.

Marco C. Smith's next court appearance is set for March 21, 2024, at 9:00 AM in room 108 of the 3rd District Courthouse in Rolling Meadows.

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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