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NEWS RELEASE

Mount Prospect Police Department Charge Person with Home Invasion and Aggravated Battery



Solomon J. Montague

On Thursday, April 4, 2024, Mount Prospect Police Detectives charged Solomon J. Montague, 56 years old, of 630 George Street, Bensenville, Illinois, with one felony count of Home Invasion and one felony count of Aggravated Battery. These charges stemmed from shooting that occurred on November 12, 2023, in the 100 block of N. Maple Street.

On November 12, 2023, at approximately 7:23 PM, Mount Prospect Police Officers responded to the 100 block of N. Maple Street for an unknown problem, after neighbors heard a subject yelling for help. As officers responded, they were updated and told there may have been a firework or gunshot heard. Upon officers' arrival, they located a male with a gunshot wound to the leg. The male was transported to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital with a non-life-threatening injury. The investigation revealed two male offenders, wearing reflective vests, approached the home in the 100 block of N. Maple Street and contacted the male homeowner at the door. An altercation ensued, when one of the offenders discharged a firearm, striking the homeowner in the leg. The two offenders ran to a dark colored SUV parked on the street and fled the area. The SUV was last seen traveling south on Maple Street. Mount Prospect Police Department Crime Scene Technicians collected evidence from the scene.

From evidence located at the scene, Detectives were able to identify two suspects, Solomon J. Montague and Desmond Cavender. Detectives conducted an extensive canvass of the area and were able to locate video evidence of Cavender driving the dark colored SUV that the suspects used to flee



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the area after the shooting. Detectives also located digital evidence that placed Montague and Cavender in the immediate vicinity of the shooting when it occurred. After executing a search warrant on a cell phone that belonged to Cavender, conversations were located between Cavender and Montague that confirmed the shooting was planned, and that the victim was specifically targeted.

A shell casing recovered from the scene also turned out to be a ballistic match to an attempted murder case in another jurisdiction. Cavender has an active warrant for his arrest for his involvement in that incident.

Mount Prospect Police Detectives were assisted by the Cook County State's Attorney's 3rd District Office, as they built a criminal case against Montague and Cavender related to the shooting. On April 4, 2024, Mount Prospect Police Detectives arrested and charged Solomon J. Montague with one felony charge of Home Invasion and Aggravated Battery each. Solomon was taken to a detention hearing on April 5, 2024, where he was ordered to be detained until his next court appearance. His next court appearance is set for April 26, 2024, at 9:00 AM in room 108 of the 3rd District Courthouse in Rolling Meadows.

Mount Prospect Police Detectives learned that Desmond Cavender is currently in custody on unrelated charges in a different state. Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Cavender for one felony charge of Home Invasion and Aggravated Battery each.

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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