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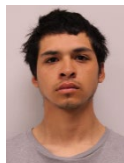
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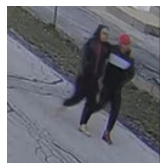
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NEWS RELEASE

Mount Prospect Police Department Charge Person with Attempted Murder, Second Subject Wanted



Manuel Rivera Jr.



*Video surveillance of offenders
2nd offender seen on the left*

On Thursday, April 25, 2024, Mount Prospect Police Detectives charged Manuel Rivera Jr., 18 years old, of 355 W. Hawthorne Circle, Mount Prospect, Illinois, with one felony count of Attempted Murder, one felony count of Armed Robbery and one felony count of Aggravated Battery Causing Great Bodily Harm. These charges stemmed from an incident that occurred on April 6, 2024, in the vacant business building at 1490 S. Elmhurst Road.

On April 7, 2024, at approximately 1:12 PM, Mount Prospect Police Officers responded to the business located at 1740 W. Dempster Street for a report of a victim who had been battered and stabbed. The victim related he was attacked by two offenders who punched him in the face, set his pant leg on fire and stabbed him multiple times in the midsection and leg. The victim related he lost consciousness during the attack and after regaining consciousness, realized his phone was missing, so he walked to 1740 W. Dempster to get someone to call 911. The Mount Prospect Fire Department arrived at the scene and transported the victim to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital for treatment of his wounds. The victim is expected to survive.

Officers located the crime scene in the 1490 S. Elmhurst Road building and processed it for evidence. During the investigation, detectives learned the victim was hanging out with two teenagers in the evening of April 6th in the vacant business building at 1490 S. Elmhurst Road. The victim let the two



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teenagers borrow his cell phone. When he asked for his phone back, they started punching the victim in the face. The victim lost consciousness and after regaining consciousness, realized he had been burned on his leg and had been stabbed in the midsection and leg. The victim also discovered that his cell phone and other personal belongings were gone.

Mount Prospect Police Detectives were able to identify both offenders who attacked the victim during the investigation. One offender, Manuel Rivera Jr., was taken into custody on April 23, 2024. After reviewing the facts of the case with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Rivera Jr. was charged with one felony count of Attempted Murder, one felony count of Aggravated Robbery, and one felony count of Aggravated Battery Causing Great Bodily Harm. Rivera Jr. was transported to a detention hearing on April 25, 2024, where he was ordered detained until his next court appearance. His next court date is scheduled for May 17, 2024, at 9:00 AM in room 108 of the 3rd District Court of Cook County in Rolling Meadows.

The other offender has been identified as a 17-year-old juvenile runaway and is currently wanted by the Mount Prospect Police Department in connection with this crime. The 17-year-old is described as a Hispanic male, straight brown hair approximately chin length, 5'6" tall, weighing approximately 140 lbs., with a tattoo of a rosary on his right hand.

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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