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NEWS RELEASE

Mount Prospect Police Department Charge Juvenile With Attempted First Degree Murder

On October 3, 2024, Mount Prospect Police Officers arrested and charged a 16-year-old juvenile from Mount Prospect with one felony count of Attempted First Degree Murder, one felony count of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, one felony count of Possession of a Defaced Firearm, one felony count of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Street Gang Member, and one felony count of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon. These charges stem from an investigation into a shooting that took place in the 1800 block of Hatherleigh Court on October 2, 2024.

On October 2, 2024, at approximately 9:40 PM, Mount Prospect Police Officers responded to the 1800 block of Hatherleigh Court, for 911 reports of shots fired. Witnesses relayed to 911 dispatchers that two (2) male teenagers wearing hooded sweatshirts were seen running from the area. Upon arriving on scene, officers located an uninjured victim who was shot at by one of the offenders, along with other witnesses, as well as multiple shell casings from a handgun. Witnesses related seeing two male Hispanic teenagers, one wearing a black colored hooded sweatshirt and one wearing a grey colored hooded sweatshirt in the 1800 block of Hatherleigh Court. Witnesses reported one of the teenagers yelled, "I'm going to kill you", followed by multiple gunshots being fired. The two offenders fled the area on foot to the west. An officer located a suspect matching the description walking near an apartment complex in the 1900 block of West Algonquin Road. The suspect, a known gang member, ran from the officer. The officer gave chase and was able to apprehend the suspect and take him into custody. A handgun, with a removed serial number, was also recovered.



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The 16-year-old offender was transported to the Mount Prospect Police Headquarters. After providing the facts of the investigation to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, it was determined the offender would be charged through the Juvenile Justice Division and charged with one felony count of Attempted First Degree Murder, one felony count of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, one felony count of Possession of a Defaced Firearm, one felony count of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Street Gang Member, and one felony count of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon. The offender was then transported to the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center in Chicago.

The other suspect is described as a male Hispanic teenager, wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans and white colored shoes.

The investigation into this incident is still open and on-going to identify and locate the second suspect. Anyone with information or anyone who has any video footage that might assist with this investigation should call the Mount Prospect Police Department Special Response Team at 847-870-5656.

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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