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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Aggravated Battery To An Infant Arrest**



James Howard

On September 6, 2017, the Mount Prospect Police Department responded to Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital in response to a report from hospital staff of possible physical abuse to a 3 month old child. The investigation revealed the child had sustained severe bruising and trauma on his back. A subsequent interview of the child's parents by investigators revealed the father, James Howard, 24 years old, of 3009 N. Harlem Avenue, Chicago, caused the injuries to his infant son while staying overnight with a family member in the 700 block of Central Road, Mount Prospect. The injuries to the child occurred when the child would not stop crying.

On September 6, 2017, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office approved one felony count against James Howard of Aggravated Battery of a Child.

On September 7, 2017, Howard was taken for a bond hearing at the Cook County 3<sup>rd</sup> District Courthouse in Rolling Meadows. His bond was set at \$2,500,000 "D". Howard's next court date is September 29, 2017 at 10:30 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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