



AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

AURORA POLICE ARREST A MAN AFTER HE FIRES CELEBRATORY GUNSHOTS ON NEW YEAR'S AND SERIOUSLY INJURES A MAN SLEEPING IN HIS HOME NEARBY

[AURORA, Ill. – January 2nd, 2020]: Aurora Police have arrested a man after he fired celebratory gunshots at midnight on New Year's Day and endangered the lives of his neighbors when one of the bullets entered a home nearby and seriously injured a man.

Shortly after midnight on Wednesday, the Aurora Police Department responded to an emergency call, in the 1600 block of Fredericksburg Lane, for a man who had been shot in the abdomen while he was sleeping. He told responding officers that he saw what appeared to be a bullet hole in his wall. Aurora Fire Department paramedics transported the man to an area hospital in serious condition.

Officers immediately began investigating the incident and were able to determine the apparent trajectory of the round. Officers were able to ascertain that the shots were fired from somewhere in the 2300 block of Grand Pointe Trail. When officers began searching the neighborhood, they found multiple shell casings outside of a home.

Officers began speaking with residents and learned a New Year's Eve party was occurring at the home at the time of the incident, and multiple people reported hearing what sounded like loud pops. Officers received consent from the homeowner and searched the house and vehicles in the driveway. During the search, officers found a handgun in one of the cars.

Investigators determined the handgun belonged to 48-year-old Miguel Reyes, of the 1600 block of Fredericksburg Lane in Aurora. He admitted to detectives that he fired multiple rounds from the gun at midnight. Officers found and recovered more than 30 shell casings from outside of the home.

Reyes was arrested and subsequently charged with the following:

One Count of Reckless Discharge Class 4 Felony
One Count of Reckless Conduct Class 4 Felony

Charges are not proof of guilt. The defendant listed herein is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which it is the burden of the State to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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