



# AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

## AURORA POLICE ARREST AND CHARGE TWO PEOPLE WITH MULTIPLE FELONIES IN CONNECTION TO SHOOTING ON TUESDAY

[AURORA, Ill. – February 21, 2020]: The Aurora Police Department has arrested and charged two people and taken an illegal gun off the streets in connection to a shooting and pursuit on the city’s near east side that left a 16-year-old suffering from life-threatening injuries on Tuesday afternoon.

Just after 4:15 p.m., Aurora Police officers responded to the 600 block of Second Avenue for reports of a person shot. When officers arrived, they found a 16-year-old male teenager suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Aurora Fire Department paramedics transported the 16-year-old to an area hospital in serious condition.

Aurora Police detectives responded to the scene and began interviewing potential witnesses, canvassing the area and investigating the specific circumstances of the incident. Detectives were able to determine that the victim approached the vehicle in the 600 block of Second Avenue and at some point, a struggle occurred and 18-year-old Jose Soto fired shots at the 16-year-old, striking him multiple times. The vehicle then drove off from the scene.

During the course of the initial investigation, responding officers attempted to pull over the suspects’ vehicle. When officers activated their emergency lights and siren, the driver of the vehicle refused to stop and led officers on a pursuit. Officers pursued the vehicle for approximately four minutes, where it lost control, struck the curb and stopped near Summerhill and Jericho in Aurora Township and multiple people were taken into custody.

During a search of the vehicle, an illegal handgun was located inside the vehicle.

Jose Soto, 18, of the 200 block of Butterfield Road in North Aurora, was arrested and charged in connection to the shooting. The Kane County State’s Attorney’s Office authorized the following charges against Soto:

- Three Class X Felony counts of Aggravated Battery with a Firearm
- One Class X Felony count of Armed Violence
- Three Class 4 Felony counts of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon
- One Class 4 Felony count of Manufacturing/Delivering Cannabis

Diego Rubio, 18, of the 600 block of Gladstone Avenue in Aurora, was arrested and charged in connection to the pursuit that occurred after the shooting. The Kane County State's Attorney's Office authorized the following charges against Rubio:

One Class 4 Felony count of Aggravated Fleeing of a Police Officer

The charges against Soto and Rubio are not proof of guilt. Soto and Rubio are presumed innocent and are entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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*(Previous News Release Below)*

**MULTIPLE PEOPLE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AFTER SHOOTING  
ON THE CITY'S NEAR EAST SIDE**

[AURORA, Ill. – February 18, 2020]: The Aurora Police Department has taken multiple people into custody after a shooting on the city's near east side that left a 16-year-old suffering from life-threatening injuries on Tuesday afternoon.

Just after 4:15 p.m., Aurora Police officers responded to the 600 block of Second Avenue for reports of a person shot. When officers arrived, they found a 16-year-old male teenager suffering from gunshot wounds. Aurora Fire Department paramedics transported the 16-year-old to an area hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Aurora Police Department detectives responded to the scene and began interviewing potential witnesses, canvassing the area and investigating the specific circumstances of the incident. Evidence Technicians from Aurora Police's Evidence Unit also responded to the scene to identify and collect forensic evidence from the shooting.

During the course of the initial investigation, officers attempted to pull over a vehicle that was believed to be involved in the shooting. When officers activated their emergency lights and siren, the driver of the vehicle refused to stop and led officers on a pursuit. Officers pursued the vehicle for approximately four minutes, where it stopped near Summerhill and Jericho in Aurora Township and multiple people were taken into custody.

Aurora Police detectives are still investigating and anyone with information on the case is asked to call the Aurora Police Department Investigations Division at 630-256-5500.

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