



AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

16-YEAR-OLD ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH MURDER IN CONNECTION TO FATAL SHOOTING ON CITY'S SOUTHEAST SIDE

[AURORA, Ill. – February 24, 2020]: Aurora Police have arrested and charged a 16-year-old male teenager with murder in connection to a fatal shooting on Aurora's southeast side in early February.

Just before midnight on February 8th, officers were called to reports of a person shot at an apartment in the 400 block of Sherman Ave. When officers arrived, they found John H. Smith, 20, of the 600 block of Sumner Avenue in Aurora, suffering from a gunshot wound to his chest. Aurora Fire Department paramedics transported the man to an area hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

Detectives responded to the scene and immediately began to investigate the circumstances of the shooting. Through the course of the investigation, detectives determined the 16-year-old entered the apartment and shot Smith during an argument.

Detectives screened the case with the Kane County State's Attorney's Office, who authorized one Class X felony count of first degree murder charges against the juvenile.

Late Sunday evening, the 16-year-old turned himself into the Aurora Police Department, where he was transported to the Kane County Youth Home.

The Aurora Police Department would like to thank the community for their assistance and cooperation in connection to this case.

The charges against the juvenile are not proof of guilt. The juvenile is presumed innocent and is 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 issued on February 10th, 2020 is below)

VICTIM'S IDENTITY RELEASED IN SATURDAY'S FATAL SHOOTING
ON CITY'S SOUTHEAST SIDE

[AURORA, Ill. – February 10, 2020]: Aurora Police continue to investigate the fatal shooting of a 20-year-old man on the city's Southeast side late Friday night.

Just before midnight, officers were dispatched to a report of a person shot at an apartment in the 400 block of Sherman Ave. When officers arrived, they found a 20-year-old man suffering from a gunshot wound to his chest. Aurora Fire Department paramedics transported the man to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The 20-year-old has been identified as John H. Smith of the 600 block of Sumner Avenue in Aurora.

Detectives continue to investigate the circumstances of the shooting, but at this time believe the incident does not appear to be random in nature. Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call the Aurora Police Department's Investigative Division at [630-256-5500](tel:630-256-5500) or call Crime Stoppers at [630-892-1000](tel:630-892-1000) to remain anonymous.

Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards up to \$5,000 and anonymity to citizens who furnish information leading to the arrest of felony crime offenders and the capture of felony fugitives.

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AURORA POLICE INVESTIGATING FATAL SHOOTING OF 20-YEAR-OLD MAN

[AURORA, Ill. – February 8, 2020]: Aurora Police are investigating the fatal shooting of a 20-year-old man on the city's South East Side late Friday night.

Just before midnight, officers were dispatched to a report of a person shot at an apartment in the 400 block of Sherman Ave. When officers arrived, they found a 20-year-old man suffering from a gunshot wound to his chest. Aurora Fire Department paramedics transported the man to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Detectives from Aurora Police's Investigation's Division responded to the scene to begin conducting an investigation. Officers canvassed the area looking for witnesses and information about the shooting. APD's crime lab and evidence technicians also responded to the scene to identify and collect forensic evidence from the shooting.

The crime does not appear to be random in nature.

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