



AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

MAN ARRESTED FOR FIRING SHOTS IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA AND THEN THREATENING A CONVENIENCE STORE CUSTOMER WITH A GUN

[AURORA, Ill. – April 3, 2020]: Aurora Police have arrested and charged an 18-year-old man with multiple felonies after he discharged a firearm in a residential area and then threatened a convenience store customer with a gun in Aurora.

The investigation began on Monday, March 30th, after officers responded to calls of shots fired just after 7:30 p.m. in the 1100 block of Douglas Avenue. Multiple people inside their homes told officers they reported hearing shots being fired. Responding officers also located numerous shell casings in the street.

Detectives and Evidence Technicians responded to the scene to canvas the neighborhood, collect forensic evidence and interview potential witnesses. During the course of the initial investigation, a citizen provided security video that captured a possible suspect vehicle from the shooting.

Then, approximately an hour and a half later, officers were dispatched to a disturbance at a convenience store in the 0-100 block of Hill Avenue. When officers arrived, they learned a male suspect pulled out a gun and pointed it at a customer shopping inside the store. Video from the store captured the suspect and the suspect's vehicle. Officers learned the vehicle in the video matched the same description of the vehicle involved in the shooting in the 1100 block of Douglas Avenue and alerted detectives.

Other Aurora Police officers on patrol spotted the suspected vehicle in the area of Hill Avenue and East Benton Street and performed a traffic stop. All three people inside the vehicle were taken into custody to be interviewed. During a search of the vehicle, officers located an open alcohol container and a handgun.

Detectives interviewed the three subjects inside the vehicle and were able to determine that 18-year-old Christopher Martinez, of the 2000 block of Fox Pointe Drive in Aurora, was responsible for the shooting and the incident inside the convenience store. Detectives presented the case to the Kane County State's Attorney's Office, who authorized the following charges against Martinez:

One Class 3 Felony count of Reckless Discharge of a Firearm

Three Class 4 Felony counts of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon

One Class 4 Felony count of Possess Firearm with No FOID

The other two subjects were released without charges.

The Aurora Police Department would like to thank the community for their assistance in providing information and video to our detectives investigating this case. This is an example of the how community policing and cooperation helps us solve crimes and find the people responsible.

Charges are not proof of guilt. The defendant listed in this release 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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