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Two Suspects Arrested in Aggravated Battery Investigation

Gurnee – Gurnee detectives have located and arrested two juvenile male suspects in connection to a shooting that occurred in Gurnee on the evening of October 5, 2020. Detectives were actively working the case since the incident occurred, and they appreciate the assistance from community members for providing essential information in this case.

Through this investigation, detectives discovered the shooting was a result of a narcotics transaction. The victim, a 20-year-old male from Lindenhurst, IL, sustained a gunshot wound to the leg during the confrontation with the suspects. One suspect, a 16-year-old from Gurnee, IL, was taken into custody on October 6, 2020, for his alleged involvement in the shooting.

The progression of the investigation led detectives to a second suspect, a 15-year-old from Grayslake, IL. After clarifying the suspect's involvement in the case, the second juvenile was taken into custody without incident on October 14, 2020. Detectives recovered a handgun with an extended magazine during the investigation.

"Safety has always been a priority in our community, and we take violent crimes seriously," said Gurnee Police Chief Brian Smith. "We are grateful for the quick and thorough response of our investigators, along with the initiative of our community members to come forward with crucial information. The partnership our department has with the community is undeniable and ultimately aids us in solving cases."

Charges for the juveniles involved in this case are being pursued through the juvenile court system.

All suspects accused of a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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(Original Media Release – October 6, 2020)
Aggravated Battery Investigation

Gurnee – On October 5, 2020, at approximately 5:50 PM, Gurnee officers responded to the area of Dilleys Road and Nations Drive in reference to a gunshot victim. Officers immediately responded and located a male with a gunshot wound to the leg. The Gurnee Fire Department assisted with medical treatment and transported the victim to Advocate Condell Medical Center. The victim's injuries are not considered life-threatening.

The preliminary investigation revealed the victim had a pre-arranged meeting with acquaintances in a parking lot near the intersection of Stearns School Road and Dilleys Road. An altercation erupted, and the acquaintances fired shots at the victim, striking him in the leg. The victim drove a few blocks away from the scene before calling the police for assistance.

Gurnee officers searched the area and conducted a track with K9 Hunter. The offenders left the scene before police arrived, and the incident appears to be an isolated occurrence.

Investigators are actively working this case, and any residents or businesses in the nearby area with exterior surveillance cameras are encouraged to contact the Gurnee Police Department.

Information submitted to the Lake County Crime Stoppers hotline or website is anonymous. Information leading to an arrest or grand jury indictment of a felony offender is eligible for rewards up to \$1000. Help fight crime in your neighborhood by contacting 847-662-2222 or LakeCountyCrimeStoppers.com.