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Press Release

MOUNT PROSPECT POLICE MAKE ARRESTS AND CLOSE MANY RECENT CRIMINAL DEFACEMENT TO PROPERTY CASES



Luis Alonso

On Friday, December 17, 2010 the Mount Prospect Police Department arrested and charged Luis Alonso, 18 years-old, of the 1100 block of Boxwood Drive with seven (7) counts of criminal defacement to property. Alonso, a known gang member, was questioned about the recent gang graffiti in the Boxwood/Randhurst Village area while in custody on an unrelated charge. Alonso admitted to spray painting gang related graffiti at the Randhurst Village redevelopment project and throughout the Boxwood neighborhood on December 06, 2010. Further investigation led to the arrest of a second offender, a Mount Prospect juvenile, who was charged with two (2) counts of criminal defacement to property that also occurred on December 06, 2010 in the Boxwood neighborhood.

These arrests were made by Mount Prospect Police Department's Special Investigation/Gang Intelligence Unit. "These arrests reinforce the value of the Special Investigation/Gang Intelligence Unit as well as the tenaciousness and intelligence gathering skills of the officers assigned to this unit," said Police Chief John Dahlberg.

Criminal defacement to property is a Class A Misdemeanor. Alonso's first court date is set for January 12, 2011 at 1:30 PM in room 101 of the 3rd District Court of Cook County in Rolling Meadows, Illinois. The juvenile was petitioned to the Juvenile Justice Division of Cook County.

The public is reminded that criminal charges are not evidence of guilt and that all defendants in a criminal case are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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