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PRESS RELEASE

Mount Prospect Police Arrest Two Men for Aggravated Battery with a Firearm



Julio Avila

Eduardo Castro

On Tuesday, November 18, 2014, the Mount Prospect Police Department charged Julio Avila, 21, of 5600 Tinder #2, Rolling Meadows, Illinois and Eduardo Castro, 18, of 3005 Swallow Lane, Rolling Meadows, Illinois in connection with an aggravated battery with a firearm that took place on November 5, 2014 in the area of Algonquin Road and Dempster Street in Mount Prospect.

On Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at approximately 8:19 P.M., the Mount Prospect Police Department responded to the area of Algonquin Road and Dempster Street for a 9-1-1 call of gunshots being fired. Upon arrival at the scene, officers located two males who had been shot at while standing near a dumpster.

A vehicle, being driven by Eduardo Castro, was travelling northwest bound Algonquin Road west of Dempster Street, when the occupants of the vehicle yelled something out of the window. The front seat passenger, Julio Avila, then fired three shots out of the vehicle window toward a group of male subjects standing near a dumpster. A 21-year old Arlington Heights man was shot in the arm and was transported to Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights. His injury was not believed to be life threatening. A second subject, a 38-year old Arlington Heights male, had an apparent bullet hole in his clothing, but sustained no injury.

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Mount Prospect Police investigators were able to identify and locate Julio Avila and Eduardo Castro. Investigators subsequently charged each of them with one count of Aggravated Battery with a Firearm. Avila and Castro were taken to a bond hearing at the 3rd District Circuit Court of Cook County in Rolling Meadows on November 19, 2014. Julio Avila's bond was set at \$300,000.00 "D" and Eduardo Castro's bond was set at \$150,000.00 "D". Their next court date is December 12, 2014 at 10:30 A.M. in room 108 of the 3rd District Circuit Court of Cook County in Rolling Meadows.

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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