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PRESS RELEASE

Mount Prospect Police Arrest One Juvenile for Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon

On Sunday, January 25, 2015 at approximately 12:52 A.M., a Mount Prospect Police officer observed two male subjects acting suspicious in the area of Cottonwood Lane and Linneman Road, Mount Prospect. The officer recognized one of the subjects as a 17 year old juvenile of Mount Prospect who is a self-admitted gang member. When the officer attempted to make contact with the subjects, they both ran away from the officer. A short time later, the 17 year old juvenile was located in the area of Cottonwood Lane and Busse Road. A search of the juvenile resulted in the recovery of a semi-automatic handgun from the juvenile's pocket with the serial number defaced.

"The arrest of this juvenile with a firearm is a prime example of the department's efforts to address the issue of gangs in the community," Chief Tim Janowick said. "The alert and proactive actions of the officers in this case removed a gang member from the streets and very likely prevented a violent crime from occurring somewhere in the northwest suburbs."

The juvenile was arrested and charged with one count of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and transported to the Cook County Juvenile Detention Facility, and will appear in juvenile court.

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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