



# NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MEDIA RELEASE

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**UPDATE: 1/14/2022**

**DATE: 1/5/2022**

**Case Number: 2022-00662**

## SHOTS FIRED INVESTIGATION

**UPDATE:** On 1/5/22 NPD Detectives located a victim at an area hospital with injuries consistent with being stabbed. No victims were discovered to have gunshot wounds. Detectives determined the incident stemmed from an ongoing dispute and was not a random attack.

The victim is male 18yoa from Niles, IL.

On 1/11/22, two subjects were taken into custody in regards to this incident. The case was reviewed with the Cook County State's Attorney's office and the below charges were approved on 1/14/22 at 6:30pm.

**ARRESTEE #1: ERIK PALAFOX, Male, 19yoa, 8600 Block of Gregory Lane, Des Plaines, IL**  
**CHARGES:**

1 count of Aggravated Battery with Deadly Weapon (Class 3 Felony) (720 ILCS 5/12-3.05(f)(1))  
1 count of Aggravated Battery while masked (Class 3 Felony) (720 ILCS 5/12-3.05 (f)(2))  
2 counts of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (Class 1 Felony) (720 ILCS 5/24-1.2-A-2)

**ARRESTEE #2: JAKE MCGANNON, Male, 18yoa, 2200 Block of Ottawa Street, Des Plaines, IL**  
**CHARGES:**

1 count of Aggravated Battery with Deadly Weapon (Class 3 Felony) (720 ILCS 5/12-3.05(f)(1))  
1 count of Aggravated Battery while masked (Class 3 Felony) (720 ILCS 5/12-3.05 (f)(2))  
2 counts of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (Class 1 Felony) (720 ILCS 5/24-1.2-A-2)

All person are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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**Niles, IL** – On 1/5/22 at approximately 7:20pm, the Niles Police Department responded to the 8400 block of Dempster Street on a report of shots fired. Multiple witnesses reported hearing an argument and then hearing what sounded like gunshots.

Physical evidence of a shooting was discovered when Niles Officers arrived on scene.

Niles Patrol Officers and Detectives are currently investigating this incident and canvassing the area.

At this time, no victims with any gunshot wounds have been located.

This incident is considered active and ongoing.

Further information will be shared when appropriate, however some details will not be released in order to protect the integrity of the investigation.

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