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Reckless Conduct Arrest

Niles, IL – On 7/18/2019 a resident in the 7200 block of Crain reported that they discovered a bullet hole in their basement window and inside the basement wall. The resident reported that on 7/17/2019 around 10:30 p.m. they heard a group of people in the backyard of a residence in the 7200 block of Conrad setting off several fireworks. The fireworks continued for a while, but then heard 5-7 gunshots, after a short break they heard 5-7 more. Officer's had been called to the area for a fireworks complaint but did not locate anyone at that time.

On 7/18/2019 the investigating officer responding to the residence complaint about the bullet holes, found a total of 16 holes in the fence, shed and garage which separate the yards of Crain and Conrad. An evidence technician processed the scene and detectives were called in to investigate.

The resident at the home on Conrad Street was uncooperative with the officers and refused to allow officers to enter his backyard. Lovera did state that there are numerous firearms that are readily available in the home. Lovera would not speak to officers without an attorney. After numerous attempts to contact his attorney, Lovera was detained and transported to the Niles Police Department. Lovera had two small children in the home, a 5 year old female and a 9 year old male. The children were transported to the Niles Police Department and the mother was notified. The mother does not reside with Lovera.

In the early evening of 7/18/2019 Detectives secured a search warrant for the residence with the assistance of the Cook County States' Attorney's Office. The search of the residence resulted in a finding a loaded revolver, a shotgun and a semi-automatic rifle. Also recovered were numerous rounds of various types of ammunition. Officers were unable to locate gun locks in proximity to the firearms or inside the residence.

The children were interviewed by members of the Children's Advocacy Center with the mother and later allowed to leave the police department. The Department of Children and Family Services was notified and a formal investigation is pending.

Due to Lovera's refusal to provide a statement. After consulting with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office Lovera was charged with one count of Reckless Conduct and six counts of Child Endangerment. Both charges are Class A Misdemeanors. Lovera has an August 22, 2019 court date at 9:00 a.m., in room 103, at the Skokie Courthouse, at 5600 Old Orchard Road.

Arrested: LOVERA, Nelson C., Male, 44 years of age
LKA – 7200 blk of Conrad, Niles, Illinois 60714

