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# Village of Antioch Police execute warrant, secure possession of carnival ride as part of criminal investigation

The Village of Antioch Police Department obtained a search warrant and secured possession of the carnival ride involved in the July 16 incident at the Taste of Antioch, where a 10-year-old boy was thrown from the ride. This is part of the department's ongoing criminal investigation into the incident.

On July 19, the Illinois Department of Labor (ILDOL) concluded its follow-up inspection of the Moby Dick ride, which is owned and has been operated by All Around Amusement, of Lockport, Illinois. Throughout the entire inspection process, ILDOL worked collaboratively with Antioch Police Detectives. Following the conclusion of the inspection this afternoon, based on information from the IDOL Inspectors, Antioch Police Chief Geoffrey Guttschow directed detectives to work with the Lake County States Attorney's office to immediately apply for a search warrant to secure possession of the ride as part of the ongoing criminal investigation into the incident.

The ILDOL inspections began Sunday afternoon in Antioch, hours after the incident. On Monday, All Around Amusement moved the ride from Antioch to a storage fa-

cility in south suburban Shorewood, where the inspection process by ILDOL continued. Following the most recent inspection, the Antioch Police Department obtained a search warrant from a Lake County judge which allowed the Antioch Police detectives to seize the ride as evidence in the criminal investigation. This evening the police department is overseeing the ride's transport from Shorewood back to Antioch.

Antioch Police Chief Guttschow says the criminal investigation into the accident is still active and ongoing.

"Our detectives have been working along with inspectors from the Illinois Department of Labor to determine if any criminally reckless or negligent acts may have contributed to the accident," said Guttschow. "The outcome of this week's inspections of the ride necessitated us to immediately secure it as evidence as part of the criminal investigation."

As the investigation continues, the Antioch Police Department asks that anyone who may have witnessed unsafe actions by carnival workers or equipment during the Taste of Summer email Antioch Police Detectives at: [crime@antioch.il.gov](mailto:crime@antioch.il.gov).



Village of Antioch Police Department obtained a warrant and secured possession of the carnival ride involved in the July 16 incident. The ride was moved from Shorewood back to Antioch where the investigation will continue.

ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT PHOTOS Hi-Liter/MCN

## Lake County State's Attorney issues a statement on new pre-trial detention system

On July 18, the Illinois Supreme Court announced their decision to uphold the SAFE-T Act, which changes Illinois's pre-trial detention system from a "wealth based" system to one in which judges can order dangerous offenders to be held without access to their cash.

Lake County State's Attorney Eric Rinehart issued the following statement about the decision: "The Supreme Court has made our communities safer and our justice system fairer by upholding the SAFE-T Act. Instead of domestic abusers, murderers, and sex offenders using their cash to obtain release, judges can finally hold dangerous individuals prior to trial.

The victim advocates closest to these issues (such as the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Network) support this new law, and they have not been swayed by the

months of misleading statements about its contents or its impact.

At the same time, our jail will no longer hold non-violent offenders simply because they do not have money to post bail. We will finally be addressing how a wealth-based system disproportionately jails Black and Brown defendants. We can finally begin to live up to the ideal that access to money should not lead to different justice systems for different defendants.

This safety-based system (as opposed to wealth-based system) has worked for decades in our federal courts and in Illinois's juvenile courts. This past fall, many individuals were lying to the public by saying that the end of "cash bail" means the end of "pre-trial detention." These lies failed to turn the public against the authors of the

SAFE-T Act. Now, the Supreme Court has affirmed this important reform that has been shaped by law enforcement, prosecutors, victim-rights advocates, and community leaders since the Supreme Court Commission Report of April 2020."

Let me reiterate this: we will still jail defendants prior to trial, and the defendants we do hold will be the dangerous weapon offenders, drug traffickers, child molesters, murderers, and domestic abusers who will no longer be able to use their own cash (or their accomplice's cash) as an escape hatch from justice. Our communities will be safer because of today's ruling.

The Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity-Today (SAFE-T Act) is a criminal justice reform that includes the elimination of cash bail as a method of pre-trial release, mandates

use of body-worn cameras for all police departments, and calls for the preservation of police misconduct records.

The SAFE-T Act was stayed in late December 2022, prior to its January 1, 2023, effective date. The ruling makes the Act effective September 18, 2023. State's Attorney Rinehart added, "We were ready in December of 2022, and we will be ready in September of 2023."

On the effective date, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office will file petitions to detain offenders who are arrested after September 18, 2023. Judges will decide whether someone is detained or not detained awaiting trial. If a judge rules for detention, those individuals arrested after the effective date will no longer be able to access cash to gain release.

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**Friday's Talk and Tour Event to focus on pollinator habitats**

This Friday the McHenry County Talk and Tour Event will teach people how to create gardens that act as habitat for pollinators.

The presentation will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, July 28, at Johnsburg Junior High School, 2220 W. Church St., Johnsburg. It is the fourth presentation of 2023 for the Talk and Tour series, co-hosted by the McHenry County Planning and Development Department and the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County.

Guests will be taken on a tour of a beautiful native pollinator garden planted several years ago at the school with the help of Small Waters Education, a Harvard-based group that helps schools and community groups plan, create and maintain native plantings to fit their site conditions.

The tour, led by Jack and Judy Speer from Small Waters, will teach participants what it takes to create a successful garden, from building community support and site assessment to design, planting and ongoing care.

The event is free, but attendees must register in advance by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/BMPTourSignup>. For more information, email McHenry County Water Resources Specialist Scott Kuykendall at [SKKuykendall@mchenrycountyil.gov](mailto:SKKuykendall@mchenrycountyil.gov) or call 815-334-2863.

# Lawmakers criticize Pritzker administration's handling of noncitizen health care limits

By Andrew Adams  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Members of a state rulemaking oversight committee voiced concerns last week that Gov. JB Pritzker's administration didn't sufficiently seek public input on its plan to cap enrollment in Medicaid-like health care programs for noncitizens.

The controversy centers on the Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults and Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors programs, which provide health care benefits to low-income noncitizens who would qualify for Medicaid benefits if not for their citizenship status.

During May budget negotiations, lawmakers gave the Pritzker administration authority to cap program spending through emergency rulemaking, and his administration exercised that authority in late June.

Those emergency rules froze enrollment in HBIA,

which serves noncitizens aged 42 to 64, and set a cap for enrollees in HBIS, which provides benefits to noncitizens age 65 and over. The changes also reduce reimbursement rates for two large public hospitals, institute copayments and coinsurance for some services and transition some enrollees into the state's Medicaid managed care program in an effort to reduce costs.

The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules last week heard from representatives of the state's Department of Healthcare and Family Services, who defended the rules.

The rules are designed, according to IDHFS officials, to limit costs for the program, which they say would be underfunded by hundreds of millions of dollars without the changes.

"We have projected liabilities of about \$1.2 billion for the program if no changes are made," IDHFS chief of staff

Ben Winick said at JCAR's meeting last week in Chicago.

He noted the General Assembly allocated \$550 million while giving the administration the authority to cap costs.

Pritzker's administration proposed the changes in both "emergency" and "permanent" administrative rules. While emergency rules are generally valid for 150 days, the law authorizing the administration to limit program enrollment also allows it to refile emergency rules once they expire. That means that unless JCAR votes by a three-fifths majority to suspend the rules, they would remain in place as long as the department wants, at least for the next two years.

JCAR—which consists of six Democrats and six Republicans and is responsible for overseeing policy making within the state's executive branch—didn't take action on either the emergency or

permanent rules last week, although the committee can still take action at a future meeting.

Both Democratic and Republican members shared concerns with IDHFS officials that mostly focused on the process by which the rules were developed.

Sen. Cristina Castro, an Elgin Democrat and member of the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus, said that the department failed to consult stakeholders in the immigrant advocacy community when developing the rules.

"You quickly filed both the emergency rule and permanent rule. There's obviously been no discussions with advocates on either, it seems," Castro told IDHFS officials.

Rep. Eva-Dina Delgado, D-Chicago, also said she wanted to see "immediate action" to engage stakeholders and advocacy groups before moving forward with the process of implementing the

department's proposed permanent rules. She particularly criticized the department's plan to issue a 14-day notice before freezing enrollment in HBIS.

"I'd like you all to engage with those that are impacted because I just don't know if that's going to be workable," Delgado said. "If you change somebody's health care every two weeks and expect them to follow along, even if they are fully language proficient, I think you're just asking for problems."

On the Republican side, Rep. Steven Reick, R-Woodstock, said that the rules represented an "abdication" of the General Assembly's responsibility and that they should have been considered in legislation, not in administrative policy.

"This is another instance of a governor that thinks he can legislate on his own," Reick said. "First he did it with 47 disaster declarations and now

he's doing it with emergency rule."

Sen. Bill Cunningham, a Chicago Democrat and co-chair of JCAR, said the committee was frustrated at the lack of stakeholder engagement from several agencies. JCAR also discussed a controversial emission rule change for heavy industries Tuesday, objecting to two state agencies' hurried implementation process.

"I think you heard throughout this meeting a frustration from committee members about the lack of engagement between agencies and various stakeholders and that was true across the board," he said in an interview after the hearing. Cunningham said the committee will "likely" have another discussion about the health care rules next month.

"I am hopeful they will act in a good faith effort to collaborate more closely with the stakeholder groups," Cunningham said.

# County wins third straight Triple Crown Award for financial reporting

For the third straight year, McHenry County's top-notch financial reporting has earned a top honor from an international organization of finance professionals.

McHenry County once again has earned a Triple Crown medallion from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for winning all three awards granted by the association in one year. The county's financial reports from the 2021 fiscal year won it the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, as well as

the Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award, and the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the county's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

McHenry County is one of only about 300 governments nationwide to receive the Triple Crown.

"It's absolutely paramount that taxpayers know that their money is being spent wisely, and in as open and transparent a manner as possible, as household and small business budgets continue to feel the pain of inflation," McHenry

County Board Chairman Mike Buehler, R-Crystal Lake, said. "The fact that McHenry County has earned this honor for three consecutive years is a testament to County government's fiscal prudence."

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional organization that advances excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources, and practical research for more than 21,000 members, and the communities they serve.

The annual comprehensive financial report lists a government's audited year-end

fiscal activities in great detail, while its popular annual financial report is smaller and designed to be understandable by the general public. The budget award is given to governments whose actual budget documents meet or exceed all criteria set forth by GFOA.

"We're honored that the GFOA has once again bestowed the Triple Crown upon us," Chief Financial

Officer Kerri Wisz said. "We work hard to ensure that our financial reports are the best they can be for the public and the County Board, and winning the Triple Crown puts us in an elite category that showcases how seriously we take this responsibility."

McHenry County puts its full budget on display through Questica OpenBook, a powerful tool that allows viewers to easily examine it in as great a

detail as they wish. The budget for the current 2023 fiscal year can be found at <https://mchenrycountyil.openbook.questica.com/>

Taxpayers also can visit the county's Financial Dashboard, a simpler online tool for reviewing revenues and expenses, both overall and year-to-date, since the 2017 fiscal year; it can be found at [www.mchenrycountyil.gov/financialdashboard](http://www.mchenrycountyil.gov/financialdashboard).

# Sheriff Idleburg appoints Director of Homeland Security

Sheriff John D. Idleburg is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael R. Jackson to the position of Director of Homeland Security.

Michael began his career in 1979 with the Waukegan Police Department. In 1989, Michael was appointed as the Assistant Coordinator of Emergency Management for the City of Waukegan. While with the City of Waukegan, he developed citywide emergency management policy and procedures, conducted emergency management exercises, trained government employees, and prepared the City of Waukegan for emergencies.

In 2008, Michael was hired

as an Emergency Management Specialist for the Lake County Emergency Management Agency. He was primarily responsible for coordination and collaboration with all levels of emergency response disciplines. Additionally, he facilitated training for emergency management partners throughout Lake County.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office Homeland Security Unit is an integral part of the



Michael R. Jackson

collaborative effort to protect life, property, and infrastructure from damage or destruction due to any terrorist attack or natural disaster. Michael will liaison with our municipal and federal partners to ensure Lake County is safe.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "I am extremely pleased to welcome Michael Jackson to the Lake County Sheriff's Office. Michael brings a wealth of experience to the homeland security and emergency management role. Michael will play a vital role in keeping our community, businesses, and schools safe throughout Lake County."

# Downtown Antioch open space redevelopment groundbreaking ceremony set for Friday

The Village of Antioch will host a groundbreaking ceremony for the downtown community open space redevelopment project on Friday, July 28, at 11 a.m. Residents, current and past members of the Antioch Village Board, other community leaders, and members of the public are invited to attend. The ceremony is open to the public.

The groundbreaking ceremony will mark the beginning of the physical transformation of the existing blighted parcel into an approximate 4.5-acre new park and community space, with an emphasis on

the Sequoit Creek channel. The development project will provide a major boost in tourism and economic development opportunities for the

Village of Antioch. The groundbreaking will be held at the village-owned property at the northeast corner of Main and Orchard.

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Carol Waggoner, a public health nurse, was recognized at the July 17 McHenry County Board of Health meeting for her dedication to the community. Shown from left: Melissa Adamson, Public Health Administrator, Cindy Gaffney, President of McHenry County Board of Health, Waggoner, and Susan Karras, Director of Nursing.

## Waggoner honored for outstanding service to community

At the July 17 McHenry County Board of Health meeting, Carol Waggoner was recognized and celebrated for her exceptional dedication to the community of McHenry County. Her outstanding service as a public health nurse at the McHenry County Department of Health earned her a prestigious spot on Shaw Media's esteemed list of 2023 McHenry County Women of Distinction.

Carol Waggoner's unwavering commitment to community well-being is reflected in her nine years of service with the McHenry County Department of Health, during which she achieved the Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist Certification, demonstrating her proficiency with over 1,000 hours of providing diabetes care and education.

As a community champion, Carol Waggoner has played a pivotal role in vital County programs, most notably the successful "Take Charge of Your Diabetes"

initiative, benefiting over 430 McHenry County residents with essential skills and tools for self-management and diabetes prevention.

Her tireless efforts to unite the community through various screenings and educational initiatives on diabetes management and prevention have been recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, accrediting the McHenry County Department of Health's Diabetes Prevention Program.

Carol Waggoner's invaluable contributions have positively impacted McHenry County, fostering a healthier and more resilient community.

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# Air pollution rule change to move forward, preventing sanctions from federal government

By Peter Hancock  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

A proposed change in state air pollution regulations will move forward despite an objection from a legislative oversight committee, allowing the state to avoid federal sanctions that otherwise would go into effect next month.

The change, which came from the Illinois Pollution Control Board and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, repeals existing language that allowed factories, refineries, power plants and other facilities to exceed their emission limits during shutdowns, startups, and malfunctions.

The previous rules also gave the owners of those facilities a certain level of immunity from civil lawsuits for exceeding their emission limits during those events.

The change was necessary because of recent court decisions that prompted the U.S. EPA to change its interpretation of the federal Clean Air Act, a program that is largely administered and enforced by state and local governments.

Illinois was first informed about that change in 2015 and was told, along with many other state and local governments, to repeal those regulations and submit new state implementation plans, or SIPs. Illinois did not immediately

act on that notice, however, and two years later, the then-new Trump administration put the change on hold.

The Trump administration issued new guidance in 2020 saying such provisions were permissible in some circumstances, but when Democrat Joe Biden came into office in 2021, his EPA administrators reversed course again. In January 2022, Illinois was told for a second time to submit a new SIP.

That notice, known as a "SIP call," became effective Feb. 11, 2022. From that date, Illinois and other jurisdictions subject to the SIP call had 18 months to come into compliance before the first set of sanctions would take effect—drastically stricter emission limits on new or significantly altered facilities.

After 24 months of non-compliance, the state's access to federal highway funding would have been tightly restricted.

The process by which the state agencies proposed the changes, however, upset many industrial firms as well as lawmakers on the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, or JCAR, a 12-member bipartisan body that has oversight authority on administrative rules.

That's because even though the agencies were told in January 2022 that they

needed to make the change, they did not officially publish the rule change until November of that year, forcing them to use a "fast-track" approval process that greatly limited the time allowed for public comment and negotiations.

JCAR considered the proposed rule change at its monthly meeting in June but postponed the rulemaking for 45 days to give the regulated industries more time to discuss the issue with lawmakers, the agencies and U.S. EPA.

Meeting again last week in Chicago, the committee voted to issue a formal objection to the rule change based on the agencies' use of the fast-track approval process. That does not stop the rule change from going into effect, but it does require the agencies to submit a response within 90 days.

"Recognizing that while we can't go back and address what's already occurred, we are going to ensure that the steps are in place so that the next time there is a rule like this—which there will be because of the nature of our federal implemented programs—that we have a structure that doesn't lend itself to that type of concerns that brought us here last month," IEPA deputy director James Jennings said in response to lawmakers' questions at the hearing.

## College news

### Wilfert receives degree from Georgia Tech

Matt Wilfert of Antioch, has earned a Master of Science in Computer Science from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, GA.

The Institute's 264th commencement exercises were held on May 6.

### Mann named to Millikin Dean's List

Mackenzie Mann, Antioch, is among the students named

to the spring 2023 Dean's List at Millikin University in Decatur.

Students that carry 12 credits and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher are eligible for the Dean's List.

### Hedger graduates from The University of Tampa

Sarah Hedger, of Antioch, graduated from The University of Tampa on Saturday, May 6.

Hedger graduated with a

Bachelor of Science in Nursing in Nursing BSN.

UW-Whitewater announces 2023 spring graduates

The following Antioch students earned degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at the spring commencement held on May 13.

- Jr Johnson graduated with the following degree: Human Performance - Bachelor of Science

- Lexis Jones graduated with the following degree: Elementary Education - Bachelor of Science in Education

- Jessica Nettgen graduated with the following degree: Marketing - Bachelor of Business Administration

- Grace Weber graduated Magna Cum Laude with the following degree: Communication Sciences and Disorders - Bachelor of Science

### Coelho named to President's List

Catherine Coelho of Antioch was named to the College of Charleston spring 2023 President's List.

To qualify for the President's List students must complete a minimum of 14 semester hours while earning a 3.8 or higher GPA.

### Miller graduates from Missouri State University

Rachel Miller of Richmond graduated Magna Cum Laude, on May 19 from Missouri State University, Springfield, MO, with a bachelor of science in Education, Elementary Education.

### Klem named to President's List

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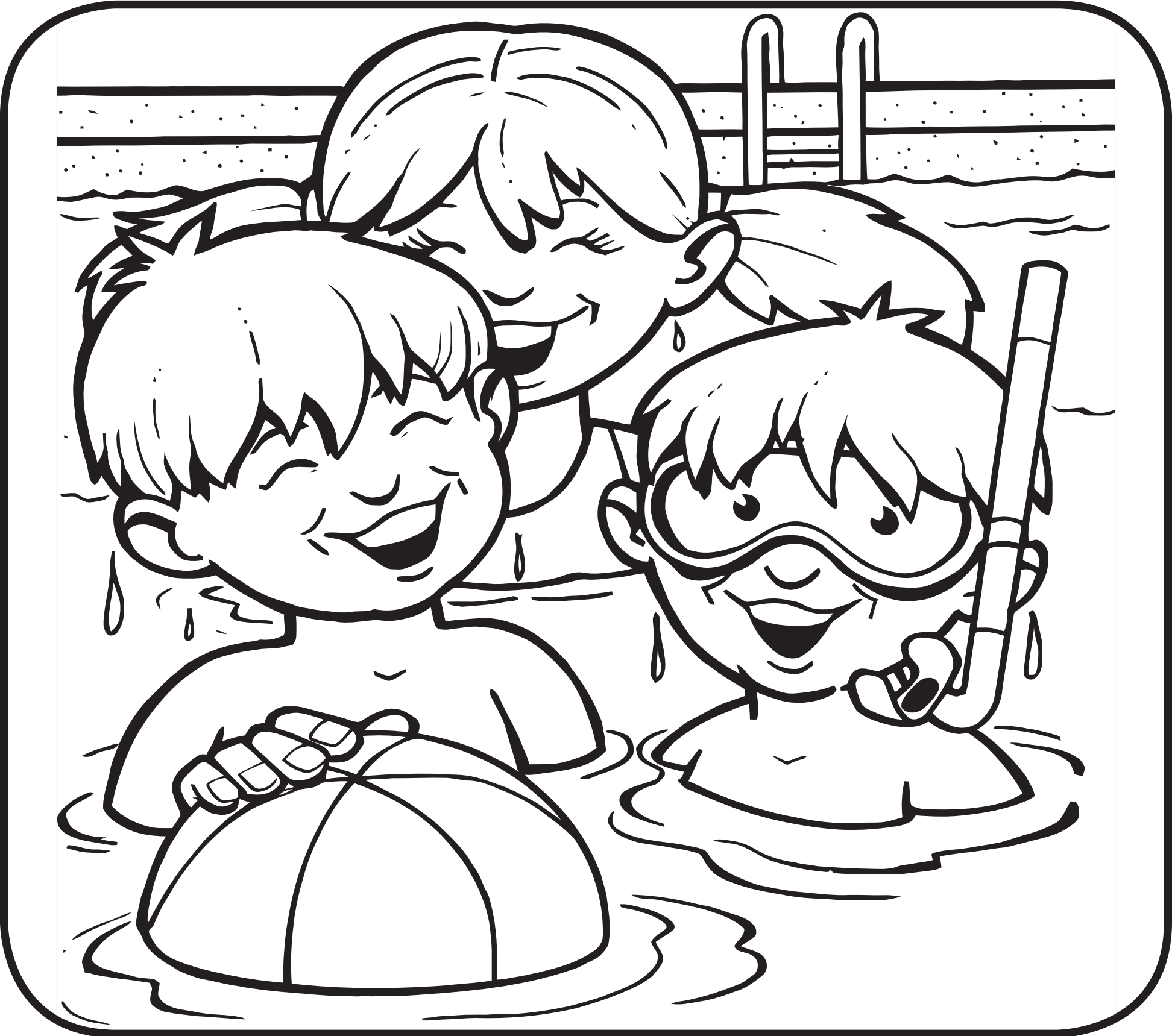
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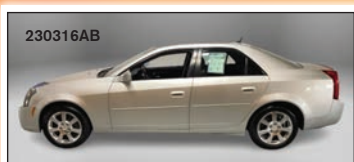
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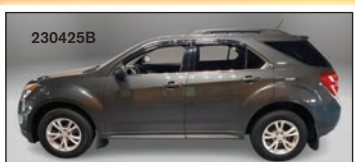
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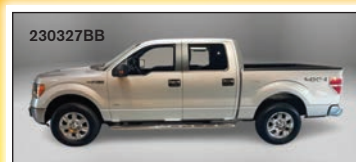
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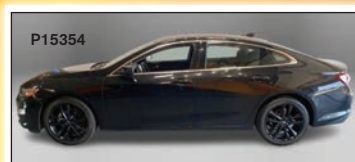
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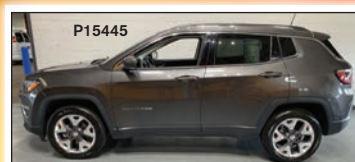
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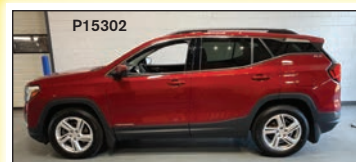
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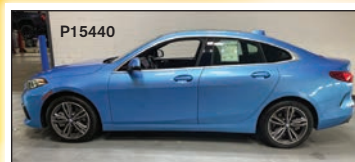
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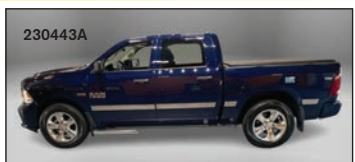
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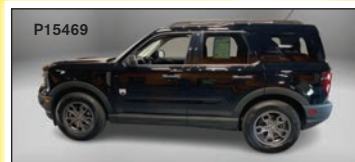
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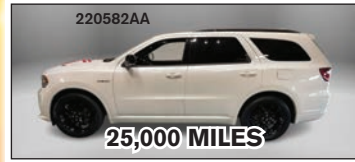
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# Court & crime news

## Former area coach charged with indecent solicitation of a child

On July 19, the Lake County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Group in collaboration with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) concluded an investigation which resulted in the arrest of a man for the offense of indecent solicitation of a child.



**Philip S. Bromley**

For the past several weeks, Philip S. Bromley, 44, of the 200 block of Creekside Trail, McHenry, was communicating with an undercover detective online. The detective was posing as a girl under the age of 14. During the conversations, Bromley enticed the 'child' to meet with him for the purpose of a sexual relationship.

Bromley worked out a plan to meet the 'girl' to engage in the encounter and traveled to Lake County. On July 19, when Bromley arrived to meet the 'girl,' he was met by detectives with the Special Investigations Group.

After reviewing the facts and circumstances of the incident, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the following charges: Indecent Solicitation of a Minor (Class 3 Felony), Traveling to Meet a Minor (Class 3 Felony) and Grooming (Class 4 Felony).

Detectives determined Bromley was a former youth volleyball coach in the McHenry County Area. Anyone that may have been victimized by Bromley are encouraged to file a report with their local law enforcement agency.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "Our Special Investigations Group apprehended another man who used social media to prey on our most vulnerable. We continue to stress the importance to parents and guardians - be vigilant and monitor who your children are talking to on social media. Predators commonly use these applications to entice children."

### Arrest made in May fatal hit and run

On July 19, McHenry County Sheriff's Office arrested Brittany Marble on five charges stemming from a May 29 fatal hit and run crash that resulted in the death of a 39-year-old

North Chicago man.

On May 29 at 2:08 a.m., members of the McHenry County Sheriff's Office, Fox Lake Police Department, Spring Grove Police Department, Richmond Police Department and Spring Grove Fire Department, responded to a crash involving a male subject, who was found on the roadway unconscious and not breathing after having been struck by a vehicle.

Preliminary investigation indicates that the North Chicago man's vehicle got stuck in a ditch near the accident location. The man was outside his vehicle near the roadway when a white vehicle, traveling southbound on Wilmot Road just north of Paddock Drive, struck him. The vehicle failed to stop and left the scene. The 39-year-old male was later pronounced deceased on scene.

After a thorough investigation by the Major Crash Investigation Unit, the vehicle was identified and the driver, Marble, was subsequently charged and arrested.

Charges include: Failure to Report a Personal Injury or Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident (Class 1 felony), Failure to Remain at the Scene of a Personal Injury or Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident (Class 4 felony), Failure to Remain at the Scene of a Vehicle Damage Accident (Class A misdemeanor), Failure to Give Information and Render Aid (Class A misdemeanor) and Possession Adult Use Cannabis In Passenger Area of Motor Vehicle - Driver (Class A misdemeanor).

### Fatal traffic crash under investigation

Lake County Sheriff's Deputies are investigating a fatal three-wheeled motorcycle (trike) versus vehicle crash.

On July 18, at approximately 1:00 p.m., sheriff's deputies were dispatched to Route 12 and Lake Shore Drive, unincorporated Wauconda, for a traffic crash with injuries. Sheriff's deputies arrived and located two people with critical injuries.

Preliminary investigation shows a Ford Escort, driven by a 65-year-old woman of Downers Grove, was stopped in the inside lane of southbound Route 12, due to a mechanical issue. A Harley-Davidson Tri Glide Ultra Classic, driven by a

69-year-old man of Northbrook was traveling southbound, in the inside lane of Route 12. The driver of the Harley-Davidson struck the Ford, causing the Harley-Davidson to roll several times. The driver and his passenger, a 63-year-old woman of Northbrook, were thrown from the Harley-Davidson.

The passenger of the Harley-Davidson was transported to Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville where she was subsequently pronounced deceased. The driver of the Harley-Davidson was also transported to Advocate Condell Medical Center where he remains in critical condition.

The driver of the Ford and her passenger, a 67-year-old woman of Naperville, were uninjured.

The crash remains under investigation by the Lake County Sheriff's Office Technical Crash Investigations Unit.

### Man faces up to 100 years after jury convicts him of attempted murder of a police officer

On July 19 a jury trial concluded in the Lake County Courthouse with "guilty" verdicts after 2 hours of deliberation.

Oscar Martinez, 22, was convicted of three counts of Attempt Murder of a Peace Officer, a class X felony. The conviction of Attempt Murder of a Peace Officer carries a mandatory sentence of 40 to 100 years, and each count is to be served concurrently.

Martinez was first charged in June 2022, after North Chicago Police received a report of shots fired. When police arrived at the residence, they located Martinez outside the residence, holding a firearm.

After officers ordered Martinez to put the firearm down, Martinez began firing shots at police officers. Martinez then attempted to flee the area, but officers were able to take Martinez into custody shortly after. Fortunately, no officers were injured during the incident.

After the verdict, Lake County State's Attorney Eric Rinehart stated, "We cherish the life of all Lake County residents. Law enforcement officers in particular deserve our

protection because they dedicate their lives to protecting all communities every day. This offender will now face the consequences of his terrible actions. We appreciate the service of the jury."

The jury trial began on Monday, July 17, lasting three days, with both parties resting Tuesday afternoon, and closing arguments ending this morning. The jury heard from State witnesses, including the North Chicago police officers who the defendant targeted.

The prosecution was handled by prosecutors Scott Hofert of the Violent Crimes Unit and Kevin Berrill. Martinez was represented by defense counsel George Gomez.

Martinez was being held at the Lake County Jail on a \$1 million bond while awaiting his trial. His sentencing is scheduled for September 14, 2023. A pre-sentence investigation is to be conducted prior to the sentencing.

### Man charged in June shooting

Lake County Sheriff's Deputies arrested a Green Oaks man in connection with a recent shooting.



**Andrew W. Szech**

On June 29, sheriff's deputies responded to a residence in the 31000 block of Prairie Ridge Road, Green Oaks, for a damaged home. Sheriff's deputies determined at that time the home had been struck by gunfire. Sheriff's deputies spoke to several area neighbors and collected video surveillance from the neighborhood.

Sheriff's detectives analyzed the video and determined Andrew W. Szech, 42, of the 31000 block of Prairie Ridge Road shot several times at a group of nearby people. Several members of the community told detectives they suspected Szech of being involved in suspicious activity, as they witnessed numerous vehicles coming to his home, interacting with Szech for a short period of time, then leaving the area.

Sheriff's detectives spoke to Szech, who claimed he was robbed during the June 29th incident, although he never reported the robbery and there was a lack of evidence to support the claim. Szech also declined to mention he fired a firearm during the incident. Sheriff's detectives did not arrest Szech at the time he was interviewed, as their investigation was still ongoing.

Sheriff's detectives believe Szech fired at a group of three people he was interacting with, following a disagreement. On July 21, sheriff's deputies and detectives observed Szech driving and conducted a traffic stop, as they knew his driver's license is revoked. Szech was arrested and transported to the Sheriff's Criminal Investigations Division.

The June 29 incident was reviewed with the Lake County State's Attorney's Office who approved the following charges: Reckless Discharge of a Firearm (Class 4 Felony) and Aggravated Driving With a Revoked Driver's License (Class 4 Felony).

Sheriff's detectives submitted a Clear and Present Danger form to the Illinois State Police regarding Szech's firearm recklessness.

### All involved in 2022 shooting charged

On August 19, 2022, Lake County Sheriff's Detective obtained an arrest warrant for Cameron Anthony McCullough, 20, of the 2300 block of Joanna Avenue, Zion for one count of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon (class 4 felony). McCullough was in possession of a firearm during the time of the shooting. McCullough is currently in the custody of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections on an unrelated charge, but will be extradited to Lake County following his Wisconsin prison sentence.

On June 15, 2023, Lake County Sheriff's Detectives obtained an arrest warrant on the final person involved in the shooting, Shelton L. Sherrod, 22, of the 3300 block of Colgate Avenue, Zion. The warrant was for two counts of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon (class 2 felonies), for being in possession of a firearm during the time of the shooting.

During the course of this investigation, members of the Lake County Sheriff's Special Investigations Group, which includes the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) Chicago Field Division, acquired machinegun conversion devices (auto-sears) that Sherrod was selling. This resulted in the issuance of a search warrant for Sherrod's residence.

On July 14, 2023, sheriff's detectives and members of SIG conducted the search warrant at Sherrod's residence. Sheriff's detectives and members of SIG arrested Sherrod and recovered 12 additional auto-sears, a semi-automatic pistol that was converted into a machinegun with an auto-sear and numerous rounds of ammunition.

After reviewing the facts and circumstances of the case, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the following charges for Sherrod: Unlawful Possession of a Weapon (class X felony), 28 counts of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon (class 2 felonies), and Unlawful Possession of Firearm by a Felon (class 2 felony).

Sherrod remains held in the Lake County Jail on \$5,000,000 bail.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "Our investigative team worked tenaciously to hold everyone accountable in this case. All of those arrested are extremely violent people, especially the offender who was selling machinegun converters. The members of our office will continue working tirelessly to arrest those who use guns and violence to prey on others."

### Two Charged in Connection with Shooting (issued 8/26/22)

Lake County Sheriff's Detectives conducted an extensive investigation into this shooting, which resulted in the death of one of the men shot during the incident, Christopher Williams, 22, of North Chicago.

Based on the evidence obtained during the investigation, sheriff's detectives learned shots were fired from people who were inside both vehicles.

While the investigation remains active and ongoing, two people have been arrested and charged for their role in the shooting.

Avenue, Waukegan, and Dishelle Y. Flores, 21, of the 2400 block of Kennedy Drive, North Chicago, were both arrested on August 25, 2022.

Bankston and Flores were two of the people shot during the initial incident.

After reviewing the facts and circumstances, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the charges of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon and Delivery of Cannabis against both Flores and Bankston.

Sheriff's detectives continue to investigate, and additional arrests and charges are likely.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "I am very proud of the thorough work of our initial deputies on the scene and the subsequent investigation by sheriff's detectives. They are working diligently to hold everyone involved in this senseless shooting accountable."

Flores remains held in the Lake County Jail on \$200,000 bail and is due back in court on September 1, 2022. Bankston remains held in the Lake County Jail on \$500,000.00 bail and is due back in court on September 2, 2022.

### Beach Park Shooting Investigation (issued 7/26/22)

On July 26, 2022, at approximately 1:15 p.m. Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a business parking lot in the 38900 block of North Lewis Avenue, Beach Park, for a report of a shooting, where at least one person was shot. Sheriff's deputies arrived quickly, however, no victims were at the scene. An additional responding deputy located a vehicle pulled to the side of the road in the area of Wadsworth Road and Gabriel Avenue, Beach Park. Inside the vehicle three people were located with gunshot wounds.

Preliminary investigation shows the three victims met the shooting suspect in the parking lot of the above business. They spoke for a period of time and an argument erupted. Before the offender fled in a separate vehicle, he fired numerous shots at the victims, striking them, as they were in their vehicle. The victims then fled from the scene in their vehicle just before deputies arrived.

Two of the shooting victims were adult men, one remains in critical condition and one remains in serious condition. One of the victims is an adult woman, she remains in stable condition. All three were transported to area hospitals via ambulance.

Based on the investigative facts at this time, this does not appear to be a gang-related shooting.



**Jaziya K. Bankston**



**Cameron A. McCullough**



**Dishelle Y. Flores**



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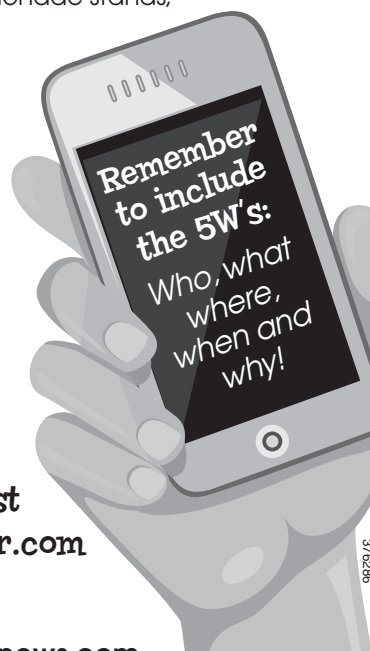
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# McHenry County Sheriff's arrest bulletin

The following arrests in McHenry County were reported by the McHenry County Sheriff's Department. Suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

**May 19**  
Miguel A. Ortiz-Gonzales, 25, Harvard, was cited for aggravated battery – based on location – minor or no injury – no dangerous weapon, and mob action;

Jose Ortiz-Gonzales, 30, Harvard, was cited for aggravated battery – based on location – minor or no injury – no dangerous weapon, and mob action;

**May 20**  
Jamaine B. Craft, 39, Chicago, was cited for aggravated battery – based on location – minor or no injury – no dangerous weapon;

**May 21**  
Haley D. Clark, 40, Ringwood, was cited for aggravated battery – person 60 years or older – minor or no injury – no dangerous weapon, and A-1 domestic battery/bodily harm;

**May 22**  
Erik A. Gonzalez, 27, South Elgin, was cited for contempt of court;  
Katherine M. Czerwionka, 31, Park Ridge, was cited for aggravated battery and domestic battery/physical contact.

**May 23**  
Faith A. Harnish, 18, Crystal Lake, was cited for a violation of an order of protection;  
Lonnie J. McGee, 24, Chicago, was cited for forgery/issue/deliver document;

**May 24**  
Alan T. Graziano, 59, Wonder Lake, was cited for domestic battery/bodily harm and domestic battery/physical contact;  
Edgar Castaneda-Herrera, 18, Harvard, was cited for criminal sexual abuse - sexual conduct – offender 5 years older than victim and victim is 13 to 16 years;

**May 25**  
Lisa M. Ferlauto, 30, Am-

boy, was cited for reporting false alarm or complaint via 911 call;

Mark W. Simpson, 53, Harvard, was cited for failure to remain at the scene of a vehicle damage accident;

Landon L. Lockwood, 26, McHenry, was cited for A-2 domestic battery/physical contact;

**May 26**  
Robert J. Hogue, 38, Crystal Lake, was cited for possession of a controlled substance;  
Ryan B. Holder, 34, Crystal Lake, was cited for DUI – alcohol;

**May 27**  
Stephanie E. Cichon, 27, Woodstock, was cited for driving while license suspended or revoked;

**May 28**  
Kyle S. Lawrence, 25, Wonder Lake, was cited for A-2 domestic battery/physical contact, and interference with reporting of domestic violence;

**May 29**  
Tristan G. Diaz, 27, Elgin, was cited for DUI – alcohol, possession of adult use cannabis in motor vehicle outside approved container – driver, and speeding over limit 15-20 mph;

Luis E. Mujica, 23, Crystal Lake, was cited for aggravated domestic battery, and violation of bail bond - violates condition of release when victim is family or household member;  
Jolanda M. Buczkowski, 53, Niles, was cited for aggravated battery – peace officer – minor/no injury – no dangerous weapon.

**June 8**  
Benjamin A. Frank, 39, Crystal Lake, was cited for violation of an order of protection;  
Kerry E. Tapling, 39, McHenry, was cited for A-2 domestic battery/physical contact;

**June 9**  
Robert W. Froney, 41, Wonder Lake, was cited for contempt of court;

**June 10**  
Timothy A. Zoellner, 54, Algonquin, was cited for battery;

John F. Waldron, 40, Wonder Lake, was cited for aggravated fleeing/attempting to elude peace officer - involve disobedience of 2 or more traffic devices, failure to notify damaged/unattended vehicle, driving while license suspended or revoked, and improper lane usage;

Randy B. Little, 59, Harvard, was cited for A-2 domestic battery/physical contact, and A-1 domestic

battery/bodily harm;  
Daniel A. Morales, 40, Harvard, was cited for aggravated battery – use of firearm, aggravated assault – offense based on use of firearm, device or motor vehicle, and reckless discharge of a firearm;

Arturo J. Diaz, 28, Woodstock, was cited for resisting or obstructing a peace officer, firefighter or correctional institution employee;

Jose F. Ruiz-De La Rosa, 24, McHenry, was cited for A-2 domestic battery/physical contact and A-1 domestic bat-

tery/bodily harm;  
**June 12**  
James C. Van Hecke, 28, Richmond, was cited for A-1 domestic battery/bodily harm, A-2 domestic battery/physical contact;

John E. Roberts, 64, McHenry, was cited for aggravated DUI – during period when driving privileges revoked or suspended as a result of DUI/reckless homicide.

## GARAGE SALES

### Burlington Garage Sales

**30140 LAKE HILLS DRIVE** Sat. July 29, 10-3. Proceeds go to Matthias Academy. Visual supports/schedules, small furniture, decor, plastic drawers, toys & more.

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