

Date: November 12, 2021 From the Office of:

Time: 5:00 PM Patrick Collins, Deputy Chief

#### MEDIA RELEASE UPDATE

# **Attempted Vehicular Hijacking**

On November 9, 2021, at approximately 7:49 PM, the victim called 9-1-1 and stated that while he was loading items into his vehicle in the alley of the 1000 block of Linden Avenue, three male subjects approached him. The subjects demanded the keys to his vehicle and implied they had a weapon but did not display one. The victim fled on foot and called 9-1-1 from a neighbor's home and the offenders fled on foot. There were no injuries.

Wilmette Officers with the assistance of neighboring communities established a perimeter and began searching for the subjects. Following a social media post, the Police Department received multiple calls from residents who observed the offenders in the area. At approximately 9:16 PM, Officers took one subject into custody in the alley in the 600 block of Isabella. At approximately 9:17 PM, Officers located a second subject in the 100 block of 6<sup>th</sup> St. Both subjects were taken into custody without incident. The third subject has not been located.

Residents are reminded, that while these crimes do not occur frequently in our community, they are possible. Wilmette and neighboring communities continue to experience stolen motor vehicles and an increase in catalytic converter thefts. Do NOT confront these offenders as there is a possibility they may be armed. Make note of important information, such as a description of the subjects and clothing, direction of travel, any related vehicles and immediately call 9-1-1.

**UPDATE**: After further investigation, Wilmette Investigators were able to identify the third subject. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 9:24 PM, Wilmette Investigators located the third subject at 7356 N. Winchester Ave, Chicago and arrested him without incident. On November 12<sup>th</sup>, he was charged with attempt vehicular hijacking.

### **Arrested:**

### Juvenile

17-Year-Old Male

Chicago, IL

Petition: Attempt Vehicular Hijacking (720 ILCS 5/18-3(a))

## **Adult Arrestees**

### ADAMS, Leandrew

18-Year-Old Male

LKA: 3955 Louisiana St., Gary, IN 46409

(1) Felony Count of Attempt Vehicular Hijacking (720 ILCS 5/18-3(a))

Bond: \$100,000 D

Court: 1:30 PM on November 15th in Room 108, 2nd District Skokie Ct

### **DEVITT, Colin**

20-Year-Old Male

7356 N. Winchester Ave, Chicago, IL 60626

(1) Felony Count of Attempt Vehicular Hijacking (720 ILCS 5/18-3(a))

#### **Court Information:**

Colin Devitt will be taken to Bond Court on the morning of November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 2<sup>nd</sup> District Skokie Courthouse Initial Court date information is to be determined