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MEDIA RELEASE

Armed Robbery Investigation

On August 16, 2022, at approximately 5:16 A.M., Wilmette Officers responded to the 400 blk of Central Ave for a reported armed robbery. Preliminary investigation indicates that two male offenders approached a 63-year-old victim, who was walking on the sidewalk. The offenders displayed a handgun and demanded the victim's belongings and car keys. The offenders took the victim's cell phone, car keys and identification. The offenders fled in a vehicle where a third male offender was waiting. The victim was able to provide a description of the offenders and vehicle. The victim was not physically injured.

At approximately 5:19 A.M., Wilmette Police Officers located the suspect vehicle near 10th Street and Central Ave and attempted a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle fled north on 10th Street and rolled the vehicle off the roadway into the parking lot at 1630 Sheridan Road.

As Wilmette Officers approached the vehicle, one of the offenders fired a handgun through the windshield in the direction of Officers. No one was struck by the round and Officers did not fire their weapons. Wilmette Police Officers retreated while additional Officers responded. With the assistance of Kenilworth and Winnetka Police, Officers then made another approach and were able to take three offenders into custody without further incident. The victim's property and two semi-automatic handguns were recovered from the offenders and from inside the vehicle.

One offender was transported to an area hospital with non-life threatening injuries sustained during the car crash. The vehicle used by the offenders was reported stolen from Winnetka on August 14, 2022.

The investigation is ongoing and will be reviewed with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office for charging. As more information becomes available an updated press release will be made.