



**Date:** August 9, 2023  
**Time:** 8:30 AM

**From the Office of:**  
Kyle Murphy, Chief of Police

### **NEWS RELEASE**

#### **Domestic Battery/ Aggravated Assault with a Firearm UPDATE**

On August 8, 2023, at approximately 8:35AM a female complainant came to the Wilmette Police station to report she had been the victim of a domestic battery. The offender, who is in a relationship with the victim, physically battered the victim inside of her residence on the 1900 block of Wilmette Avenue. Additionally, the offender brandished a firearm and made statements and threats that he will not be removed from the home.

The victim was able to leave the home and went to the police station to report the incident.

The offender made no threats of public harm, and he remained within the residence until he willingly exited at approximately 11:30 AM. With the assistance of the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (N.I.P.A.S), the offender was taken into custody without further incident.

The offender had a valid FOID card and three firearms and ammunition were removed from the home.

The offender was charged with the following offenses and will appear in bond court on August 9, 2023

**Arrested:**

Aarion Straford  
Male, 22 years old  
Chicago, IL

**Charges:**

720 ILCS 5/12-2-C-1	Aggravated Assault with a Firearm
720 ILCS 5/12-3.2-A-2	Domestic Battery
720 ILCS 5/12-3.5-A	Interfering with the reporting of Domestic Violence

**Court Information:**

August 9, 2023, at 9:00AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Municipal District  
5600 Old Orchard Road, Room 106  
Skokie, IL