



Harvard Police Department

Press Release

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DOMESTIC BATTERY

On 03-04-23 at 1008 hrs, Harvard Police responded to the 1700 blk Wildflower Ln regarding a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival it was reported and discovered a female resident (f-55 yoa) had been punched in the back by a family member causing an injury. Upon checking the residence, it was discovered the male offender had fled the scene on foot.

Officers checked the area and a few minutes later located the male subject identified as Juan J Castro (m-27 yoa), 1701 Wildflower Ln, Harvard walking near the intersection of Forest Downs and Autumn Glenn Dr where he was confronted by officers. A brief physical altercation ensued at which point officers backed off and additional officers were requested. Deputies from the McHenry County Sheriff's Department, and Walworth County Sherriff's Department responded to assist.

At approximately 1110 hrs, Castro went to reach inside a briefcase he had been holding, officers tackled him to the ground, and he was taken into custody after another brief physical altercation. Officers subsequently discovered a modified loaded handgun inside the briefcase.

Castro was charged with the following charges; One (1) count Domestic Battery, Two (2) counts Aggravated Battery to a Peace Officer, One (1) count Aggravated Resisting a Peace Officer, Four (4) counts Resisting a Peace Officer, One (1) count Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, One (1) count Unlawful Possession of Ammunition by a Felon, Six (6) counts of Aggravated Assault, and One (1) count Possession of a Ghost Gun.

Castro was also arrested on an Illinois Department of Corrections Warrant for a Parole Violation, a Boone County Failure to Warrant for a previous Driving under the Influence charge, and two (2) McHenry County Failure to Appear Warrants for a previous Contempt of Court and Crimes against Persons charge.

Two officers received minor injuries during the incident and were treated at local hospitals and released. Castro was also evaluated and subsequently transported to the McHenry County Jail in lieu of bond.