



# Harvard Police Department

## Press Release

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### **AGGRAVATED DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM**

On 09-10-23 at 2222 hrs, Harvard Police Responded to the 1300 blk N Division St regarding the report of gunshots. While enroute officers were advised a Harvard Resident (m-18 yoa) was currently at Mercy Harvard Hospital with a gun shot wound to the lower leg.

The preliminary investigation indicates the Harvard Resident (victim) and a Harvard Youth (m-17 yoa) were at the Harvard Shell, 1300 N Division St in a vehicle when they were approached by two – three individuals on bicycles; words were exchanged which led to the two groups exchanging gun fire before everyone fled the scene.

On 09-11-23 at approximately 1030 hrs, a Harvard Youth (m-17 yoa), was arrested and charged with Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, Reckless Discharge of a Firearm, Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Possession of a Firearm without a FOID card, and Possession of Ammunition without a FOID. The Harvard Youth was subsequently transported to the Kane County Juvenile Detention Center.

The Harvard Police Department continues to actively investigate the incident with the assistance of the McHenry County Major Investigation Assistance Team (MIAT), and the McHenry County Swat Team. There is no other immediate threat for other Residents in the area.

If anyone has any information on the incident, please contact the Harvard Police Department at (815)943-4431, or they can call Harvard Crime Stoppers Tip Line anonymously at (815)943-4343.

*The public is reminded individuals arrested or charged is not evidence of guilt and that all defendants in a criminal case are presumed innocent until proven guilty is a court of law.*