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MEDIA RELEASE

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Case Number: 2023-02779

FLEEING AND ELUDING ARREST

Niles, IL – On 1/20/2023 at 1:46 AM, an NPD officer attempted to make a traffic stop on a 2018 Cadillac XT5 in the 7100 block of North Caldwell Avenue for a traffic violation. The vehicle did not stop. It turned left on Estes Avenue from Caldwell Avenue and was last seen traveling eastbound on Estes Avenue at a high rate of speed and disregarding stop signs. The NPD officer did not initiate a pursuit of the vehicle.

During a subsequent search of the immediate area, the NPD officer discovered the vehicle had crashed near Wildwood Park (6950 North Hiawatha Avenue, Chicago), and observed a tall thin male run from the driver's side of the vehicle eastbound through Wildwood Park. The NPD officer requested the Chicago Police Department respond to the scene at that time.

Shortly after the crash, the CPD notified the NPD officer that the owner of the Cadillac XT5 reported he was the victim of an armed vehicular hijacking near Touhy Avenue and Odell Avenue and that he was being held at gunpoint in his vehicle when the NPD officer tried to stop it. Through the course of their investigation, the CPD determined this report was false and that no vehicular hijacking or kidnapping had occurred. For any further details regarding the CPD's investigation, please contact the Chicago Police Department.

The owner of the Cadillac, now the suspect, was transported to the NPD and charged with the below charge. He was released on a recognizance bond.

A booking photograph is attached.

Suspect: Wilfredo Monge Jr., Male/25
LKA: 6200 block of North Forest Glen Avenue, Chicago, IL

Charge: Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer (Class A Misdemeanor)

All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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