



# NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MEDIA RELEASE

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**Case number: Multiple, see below**

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### Threats Investigation

**Niles, IL** – The following is a summary of a recent threats investigation and arrest that was conducted by Niles police detectives and has become the subject of community concern. The NPD reiterates that there was no imminent threat to the general public or the victims involved in these cases throughout the investigation and subsequent arrest.

**2023-39383:** On 10/6/2023, the NPD was notified that a subject, now identified as the below suspect, sent a threatening email to a Village of Niles elected official. The Niles Police Detective Bureau immediately began following up on the incident. During the initial follow up, the suspect made phone threats toward members of the NPD. Through investigative techniques, detectives quickly determined that the suspect was located in the area of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

**2023-40009:** On 10/11/2023, the NPD received a threatening letter from the suspect in the mail that contained an unknown white granular substance. The substance was determined to not be a hazardous material, and no injuries were reported during this incident.

**2023-40703 and 40711:** On 10/16/2023, the suspect left threatening voicemails for a member of the NPD's command staff as well as the school resource officer regarding placing chemical weapons in a local school. At that time, detectives knew that the suspect was still in Council Bluffs, IA and did not pose an imminent threat to any local schools.

**2023-40687:** On 10/16/2023, the NPD received a report that the below suspect called the Niles Village Hall and threatened another Niles elected official.

**\*\*On 10/16/2023, at approximately 4:00 PM, the below suspect was taken into custody by the Council Bluffs, IA police department in relation to this investigation.**

**2023-41497:** On 10/23/2023, the principal of Culver School, 6901 W. Oakton Street, reported the school received a letter from the suspect addressed to a former school resource officer sometime between 10/12/2023 and 10/23/2023 that contained a white granular substance. The substance was determined to not be a hazardous material, and no injuries were reported. The school declined to pursue criminal charges for that incident.

The Cook County State's Attorney's Office approved the following charges against the suspect:

2023-39383: Threatening a Public Official (Class 3 felony)

2023-40009: Disorderly Conduct (Class 3 felony)

2023-40687: Threatening a Public Official (Class 3 felony)

2023-40703: Disorderly Conduct (Class 4 felony)

2023-40711: Disorderly Conduct (Class 4 felony)