



# NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### Arrest of Theft Suspect

**Niles, IL** – On July 31, 2017 the Victim a 26 yoa Female from Highland Park had agreed to meet FREEMAN to sell four all show passes and tickets to Lollapalooza via a Facebook ticket sale group. On August 1, 2017 at about 10:40 a.m. the Victim met FREEMAN in the 7700 block of Nordica Street. The Victim was approached by FREEMAN and she began to explain how to utilize the electronic bracelet. FREEMAN grabbed everything out of the victim's hand and ran to a vehicle that was waiting on Nordica street. The victim went back to her car and followed the offender a 2006 Toyota sport utility vehicle. The victim called 911 and provided the license plate. The Toyota continued driving at a high rate of speed and began running red lights. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle upon arrival.

NPD Investigators were able to identify the named offender via instant Facebook messages sent between FREEMAN and the Victim. After speaking with the victim she wanted to sign criminal complaints, the value of the tickets was \$1,340 USC. An attempt to locate FREEMAN at his former residence in Niles was unsuccessful. Approximately an hour after the incident a Facebook account of FREEMAN's was offering 4 all show passes to Lollapalooza.

A second incident occurred on August 1, 2017 at about 9:54 p.m. in the 7700 block of Nordica Street. A Juvenile Victim had met FREEMAN to sell two of his tickets to Lollapalooza. Freeman approached the victim, he then took the two tickets and fled, value of the loss \$700 USC. After speaking with the victim's mother she did not wish to sign complaints.

On August 3, 2017, after pursuing numerous leads Investigators from the Niles Police Department took FREEMAN into custody, he was formally charged after conferring with the Cook County States Attorney's Office. FREEMAN will be at a bond hearing on August 4, 2017. FREEMAN was charged with a single count of Felony Theft, 720 ILCS 5/16-1(a)(1)(A). A class three felony can result in a sentence of two to five years in prison, as well as possible fines up to \$25,000 USC. FREEMAN's initial court date is August 22, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at Cook County District 2 Court House, 5600 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois.

#### The Offender

FREEMAN, RHAQUEN M,  
MALE, 19 yoa  
5600 blk of W. Division Street,  
Chicago, Illinois 60651

All suspects are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.



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