



# NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Arrest for Attempted Kidnapping

**Niles, IL** - On October 6, 2017 at approximately 7:10 a.m. a 12 year old girl waiting for a school bus to pick her up in the 7200 block of Conrad was approached by a white male, 25-35 years of age, between 5'5"-5'7" in height and weighing between 210 – 230 pounds. The male told the victim his phone was dead and he was trying to find the nearest restaurant. The male then asked the victim if she wanted to skip school and hang out with him.

A parent who was near the bus stop, told the female victim to get on the bus as it was arriving. When the male observed the bus he walked away quickly to a vehicle parked on the street. The witness described the vehicle as a white sport utility vehicle with a dark front bumper. A search of the area by officers was unsuccessful in locating the vehicle or the offender. An alert was broadcast via social media and to schools in the area via Citizen Observer.

On 1/16/2018 a Niles Police Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle matching the description of the offender's vehicle and the driver of that vehicle was identified. However, at the time of the stop, the driver was unable to be held pending identification by the victim and complainant.

On 1/17/2018 the Victim and her mother both positively identified the driver of the vehicle as the subject who had approached the victim on the street on 10/6/2017. On 1/18/2018 the witness who was at the bus stop also positively identified the driver as the offender from 10/6/2017.

Niles Detectives attempted to locate the offender on 1/18/2018 at his temporary residence in Des Plaines, but he had moved from that location.

On 2/16/2018 after a review with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, as well as the victim and witnesses Cook County State's Attorney Gallagher approved an arrest warrant for the charge of attempted kidnapping. On 2/28/2018 a warrant was issued for the Offender.

On 5/23/2018 at approximately 7:30 a.m. the offender was located at his residence in the 400 block of Central Avenue and taken into custody on the outstanding warrant. He was subsequently charged with one count of attempted kidnapping.

**Charge:** 720 ILCS 5/10-1 Attempted Kidnapping (Class 2 Felony)

**Court Date:** June 16, 2018 room 105 at 9:00 a.m.

**Offender:** ZINGMAN, Arthur, Male, 32 yoa,  
**Last known Address:** 400 block of Central Avenue, Highland Park, IL



A person charged with a Class Two felony if found guilty the charge carries a potential prison sentence from 3 to 7 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. All persons are presumed innocent, until proven guilty in a court of law.