



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **\*\*SHOOTING INVESTIGATION – OFFENDER CHARGED\*\***

On Tuesday, August 13, 2019, Palatine Police officers took custody of Javier Ponce from the U.S. Marshals Service and he was formally charged with two counts of Attempted Murder. Ponce was taken to the Cook County 3<sup>rd</sup> District Courthouse in Rolling Meadows on Wednesday August 14, 2019 for a bond hearing where Judge Marise set a “No Bond” bail. His next court date is set for August 29, 2019 at 10:30 am in Room 108 at the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Courthouse.

### **\*\*SHOOTING INVESTIGATION – OFFENDER LOCATED\*\***

After a comprehensive investigation by Palatine police investigators, and with the assistance of the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office, 19-year old Javier Ponce of the 1300 block of N. Geneva Drive in Palatine, was identified and an arrest warrant for 2 counts of Attempted Murder was obtained. Upon learning that Ponce had fled Illinois, the Palatine Police Investigators reached out to the U.S. Marshals Service Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force. Intelligence was later learned that Ponce had fled to Mexico. With the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), on July 20, 2019, the Mexican Immigration Authorities located Ponce in Guanajuato, Mexico. Ponce was taken into custody based on violations of Mexican Immigration Laws, and was deported back to the United States. Upon arrival to the United States, Ponce was taken into custody by the U.S. Marshals Service and taken to an extradition hearing which he later waived. Ponce is currently being held at the Montgomery County Jail outside Houston, Texas to await extradition to Illinois. The investigation is still on-going and formal charges are pending.



**\*\*SHOOTING INVESTIGATION \*\***

On April 28, 2019, at approximately 11:45 pm, Palatine Police responded to the 1900 block of N. Green Lane North in Palatine for a report of gunshots. At the scene, officers found two male victims with apparent gun shots wounds; a 15-year-old victim was struck in the upper torso and foot, and a 19-year-old victim was struck in the hand and foot. Both victims were transported to Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge by Palatine Fire Department Paramedics. Currently, the 15-year-old victim remains in critical, but stable, condition following surgery, and the 19-year-old victim remains at the hospital in stable condition.

Pursuant to the investigation by the Palatine Police Department, it was learned that both victims were standing near the entrance to an apartment building on N. Green Lane North waiting to complete a drug transaction when the offender walked towards them and began firing multiple shots. The shooter ran from the scene to a waiting vehicle in a nearby parking lot. The shooting is believed to be gang-related and the victims were targeted.

The investigation is ongoing as Palatine police investigators continue to actively work the case. Anyone who may have information concerning this case is encouraged to contact the Palatine Police Department at (847) 359-9000 or Palatine/Inverness Crime Stoppers at (847) 590-7867.