



# PRESS RELEASE

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## ARMED ROBBERY ARREST

On November 6, 2019 at approximately 7:55am, Palatine Police officers responded to a commercial hold-up alarm in the 100 block of W. Northwest Highway. Upon their arrival, officers located a male subject exiting the back door of the business wearing a face mask. Officers were able to apprehend the suspect after a short foot pursuit. The suspect was identified as 40-year old Christopher E. Brackens, who resides in the 1400 block of Broadway Avenue in North Chicago, IL.

Officers entered the business to search for additional suspects and located a victim employee who had been physically restrained by the suspect using plastic zip-ties. Through initial statements by the victim employee, it was determined the suspect had gained entry into the business prior to the employee's arrival and waited. Once the employee entered the business, the suspect confronted and ordered the employee to open the safe and then restrained the employee. The suspect fled when he saw Palatine Police officers arrive on the scene.

On today's date, Brackens was formally charged with Armed Robbery (Class X felony) and Kidnapping (Class 2 felony). He will be transported on Saturday, November 9, 2019 to the Cook County Courthouse at 2650 S California in Chicago, IL for a bond hearing.

**Christopher E. Brackens**



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