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Police Charge Man in String of Sexual Assaults *Eyewitness Provides Crucial Information*

CHICAGO - The Chicago Police Department announces charges against a 23 year old man for a series of sexual assaults that occurred between March 4th and March 8th 2010 in the Ashburn Community.

Chauvet STIGGERS, also known as Andre Harris, was charged with 2 counts of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault with a firearm and one (1) count of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault with the threat of life. STIGGERS' last known address is in the 8000 block of S. Kedvale.

The Area One investigation determined that on March 4th 2010 at 7:15 p.m., STIGGERS sexually assaulted a 17 year old female victim at knife point who was walking in the 8200 block of S. Sacramento.

On March 5th at 8:50 a.m. STIGGERS sexually assaulted a 16 year old female victim at gun point who was walking on the 7900 block of S. Maplewood.

On March 7th, at 7:40 p.m., STIGGERS approached a 16 year old victim who was waiting for a bus at 79th and Pulaski, engaged her in a conversation, and exposed his genitals.

On Monday, March 8th at 8:25 a.m., STIGGERS sexually assaulted a 13 year old female victim at gun point who was walking near 83rd and Talman.

In all of the incidents, STIGGERS was driving a green mini-van.

On March 8th, a woman stepped forward and provided crucial information to investigators. The woman saw the media broadcasts describing the attacks and remembered seeing a similar vehicle in the area. The woman, who had the foresight to recognize the urgency, wrote down the license plate provided police with it. The investigation was also greatly aided by the victims who were able to provide detectives critical information about the offender, the vehicle, and able to help produce the composite sketch of the offender. With the vehicle information, details about the offender, the composite sketch, and information from the victims, Detectives determined that the green mini-van belonged to a female friend of STIGGERS. Victims identified STIGGERS in a photo array, an arrest warrant was issued, and his photograph and name was broadcasted and released to the media. STIGGERS, accompanied by his attorney, turned himself into Area One Detectives on March 10th.

On March 11th STIGGERS was charged with two (2) COUNTS OF Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault with a firearm, and one count of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault. Additional charges of public indecency may be filed by the States Attorney at a later time.

STIGGERS is scheduled to appear in central bond court today at 26th and California.