



# NEWS RELEASE

## Chicago Police Department

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### Offender Charged with Arson and Criminal Damage



No Mugshot Available

- Offender:** Jesus Martinez, 52  
100 block of E. Armitage Ave.  
Northlake, Illinois
- Charges:** One (1) felony count – Aggravated Arson/Know Person Present  
One (1) felony count – Criminal Damage/Government Property/ >\$500-\$10k
- Court:** Detention Hearing – 2600 S. California – December 21, 2025
- Narrative:** The above offender was arrested on December 19, 2025, in the 1500 block of N. Damen Ave. He was identified as the offender, who just hours earlier, set his personal belongings on fire inside of a CTA train car occupied with passengers in the 1500 block of N. Damen Ave. (14th District). The offender was subsequently placed into custody. CPD's Arson Unit and the ATF Task Force collaborated during this investigation to secure charges. No additional information is available at this time.

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