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Offenders Charged with Aggravated Robbery of 16-Year-Old Male



Shannon Stephens, 23



Markell Harper, 20

Offender #1: Shannon Stephens, 23 – 5400 block of W. Cortland St., Chicago, Illinois

Charges: One (1) Felony Count – Robbery
Two (2) Misdemeanor Counts – Resisting/Obstruct/PC Off/Corr Emp/FRFTR
One (1) Count - Issuance of Warrant

Offender #2: Markell Harper, 20 – 1400 block of E. 36th Pl., Gary, Indiana

Charge: One (1) Felony Count – Robbery

Court: Detention Hearing – 2600 S. California – February 22, 2026

Narrative: The above offenders were arrested by members of the Chicago Police Department on February 19, 2026, in the 100 block of W. 33rd St. at 11:39 p.m. and in the 100 block of W. 35th St at 11:42 p.m., respectively. They were identified as the offenders who, less than 10 minutes earlier, took personal property by force from a 16-year-old male victim who was on a CTA train in the 200 block of W. Garfield Blvd. (9th District). The offenders were placed into custody a short time later and subsequently charged accordingly. No additional information is available at this time.

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