



# NEWS RELEASE

## Chicago Police Department

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### Offender Charged with Murder of 55-Year-Old Male, Attempted Murder of 31-Year-Old Male



**Offender:** Cleophus Rufus, 33  
6800 block of N. Kedzie  
Chicago, Illinois

**Charges:** One (1) felony count – Murder - First Degree  
One (1) felony count – Attempt - Murder - First Degree  
One (1) felony count – Aggravated Battery/Discharge Firearm  
Issuance of Warrant

**Court:** Detention Hearing – 2600 S. California – February 26, 2025

**Narrative:** The above offender was arrested on February 23, 2025, at 10:34 p.m., in the 7500 block of N. Damen. He was identified as an offender who, less than one hour earlier, participated in the fatal shooting of a 55-year-old male in the 7500 block of N. Damen (24<sup>th</sup> District). A 31-year-old male was also shot and critically injured. The offender was quickly located, placed into custody and subsequently charged accordingly. No additional information is available at this time.

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