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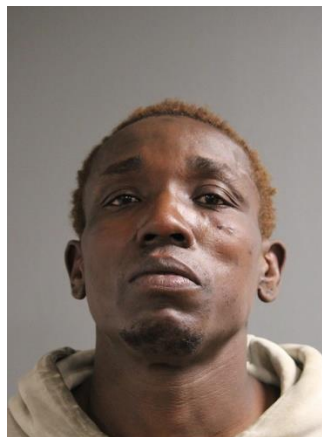
Chicago Police Department

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Offender Charged with Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse, Aggravated Battery & Attempted Sexual Assault of 20-Year-Old Female



Offender: Garland Benton, 45
200 block of Main St.
Crystal Lake, Illinois

Charges: Two (2) felony counts – Aggravated Battery/Public Place
One (1) felony count – Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse/Bodily Harm
One (1) felony count – Attempt - Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault/Bodily Harm

Court: Detention Hearing – 2600 S. California – March 31, 2026

Narrative: The above offender was arrested by members of the Chicago Police Department's Public Transportation Section on March 30, 2026, at 7:34 a.m., in the 2500 block of S. Archer. He was identified as the offender who, approximately one hour earlier, battered, sexually abused and attempted to sexually assault a 20-year-old female victim in the 0-100 block of N. Michigan Ave. (1st District). During the incident, the offender also pushed a 65-year-old female who attempted to intervene. The offender fled the scene but was located a short time later, placed into custody and subsequently charged accordingly. No additional information is available at this time.

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