



# NEWS RELEASE

## Chicago Police Department

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### Offenders Charged in Connection to Murder of CFD Firefighter & Associated Financial Crimes



**Martez Cristler, 22 – 6800 block of Baring Ave., Hammond, Indiana**

One (1) felony count – Murder - First Degree  
One (1) felony count – Murder - Strong Probability Death/Injure  
One (1) felony count – Murder - Other Forcible Felony  
One (1) felony count – Aggravated Arson/Inj Fire/Police/DOC  
One (1) felony count – Arson - Aggravated Arson/Know Person Present  
One (1) felony count – Arson - Aggravated Arson/Bodily Harm



**Nicholas Virgil, 37 – 14200 block of S. Stewart Ave., Riverdale, Illinois**

One (1) felony count – Murder - First Degree  
One (1) felony count – Murder - Strong Probability Death/Injure  
One (1) felony count – Murder - Other Forcible Felony  
One (1) felony count – Aggravated Arson/Inj Fire/Police/DOC  
One (1) felony count – Arson - Aggravated Arson/Know Person Present  
One (1) felony count – Arson - Aggravated Arson/Bodily Harm



**Anthony Moore, 47 – 13100 block of S. Winchester Ave., Blue Island, Illinois**

Two (2) felony counts – Wire Fraud  
One (1) felony count – Insurance Fraud/\$300-\$10K  
One (1) felony count – Forgery - Make/Alter Document  
One (1) felony count – Forgery - Issue/Deliver Document

**Court:** Detention Hearing – 2600 S. California – July 26, 2024

**Narrative:** The above offenders were arrested on July 23, 2024, in the 1600 block of W. 127<sup>th</sup> St. in Calumet Park, Illinois, the 14200 block of S. Stewart Ave. in Riverdale, Illinois and the 11600 block of S. Western Ave. in Chicago, Illinois, respectively. Offenders #1 & #2 were identified as those responsible for the April 4, 2023 arson in the 12000 block of S. Wallace (5<sup>th</sup> District) that killed Chicago Fire Department Firefighter/EMT Jermaine Pelt. This investigation involved the Chicago Police Department, the Chicago Fire Department's Office of Fire Investigation, the Bureau of the Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) Chicago Field Division, the Illinois State Fire Marshal, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the U.S. Attorney's Office. Offender #3 was charged with financial crimes in connection to the crime. The offenders were placed into custody and subsequently charged accordingly. No additional information.

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