



AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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AURORA POLICE SEEK PUBLIC'S HELP IN LOCATING SUSPECT IN JANUARY 1st HOMICIDE

The Aurora Police Department is asking for the public's help in locating Jose Barragan, wanted for the January 1st shooting that killed an 82-year-old Aurora man. A warrant was issued on January 7th, but despite an extensive search, he remains at large.

On January 1st, at approximately 6:52 p.m., Aurora Police officers responded to a ShotSpotter alert in the 0-49 block of North Anderson Street. Upon arrival, officers discovered Fidel Macias-Hernandez inside his home, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The preliminary investigation indicates that Macias-Hernandez was walking in his kitchen when a gunman fired multiple rounds into the residence from outside. The suspect then fled the scene on foot.

Aurora Fire Department paramedics provided emergency medical care and transported Macias-Hernandez to a local hospital. Tragically, he succumbed to his injuries on January 16th.

Detectives from the Aurora Police Department's Investigations Bureau, along with Evidence Technicians, responded to the scene to process evidence and interview witnesses. Through the course of their investigation, authorities identified Barragan as the suspect.

Barragan is wanted on the following charges, as authorized by the Kane County State's Attorney's Office:

- First Degree Murder (Two counts - upgraded from Attempted Murder) – Class M Felony
- Aggravated Battery Discharge of a Firearm – Class X Felony
- Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm – Class X Felony
- Armed Violence (Two counts) – Class X Felony

The investigation remains active, and authorities continue working to locate Barragan. Anyone with information regarding Jose Barragan's whereabouts is urged to call the Aurora Police Department's Investigations Division at (630) 256-5500.

Anonymous tips can also be submitted to Aurora Area Crime Stoppers at (630) 892-1000 or online at www.p3tips.com/135. Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest of felony crime offenders and fugitives.

Warrants and charges are not proof of guilt. The subject listed in this release is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial, where it is the burden of the State to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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BARRAGAN, JOSE P

26 years old

50-100 block of N. Anderson Street, Aurora, IL

5'04" / 130 pounds

Black hair, brown eyes

Multiple tattoos on chest, fingers, left/right forearm

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January 3, 2025 – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AURORA POLICE INVESTIGATE SHOOTING ON CITY'S NEAR EAST SIDE

On January 1st, at approximately 6:52pm, Aurora Police officers responded to a ShotSpotter alert in the 0-49 block of North Anderson Street. Upon arrival, officers discovered a male victim suffering from gunshot wounds.

Aurora Fire Department paramedics arrived on scene and transported the man to a local hospital for treatment of critical injuries. No other injuries were reported during the incident.

Detectives from the Aurora Police Department's Investigations Bureau responded to the scene and began investigating the specific circumstances of the incident. Evidence Technicians also responded to the scene to identify and collect forensic evidence from the shooting.

The investigation into the incident remains active. Anyone with information is asked to call the Aurora Police Department's Investigations Division at (630) 256-5500.

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