



AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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AURORA POLICE CHARGE SUSPECT IN DEADLY SHOOTING

Aurora, IL – Aurora Police have charged 44-year-old Nathanael Carire-Arocho of Aurora in connection with the June 29th shooting death of a 21-year-old Aurora man.

At approximately 5:56 p.m. on Sunday, June 29, 2025, Aurora police officers responded to a report of a shooting at an apartment in the 100 block of South Lincoln Avenue. Responding officers located a male victim suffering from a gunshot wound who was in critical condition.

Aurora Fire Department paramedics transported the victim to Rush Copley Medical Center, where he was pronounced deceased at 6:39 p.m. The Kane County Coroner's Office took custody of the victim and conducted an autopsy on June 30, 2025. The Kane County Coroner's Office has positively identified the deceased as Tirom Kirksey, Jr. of Aurora, Illinois. The cause and manner of death are currently under investigation, and toxicology samples have been collected and sent for further forensic analysis.

Detectives from the Aurora Police Department's Investigations Division responded to the scene, along with Evidence Technicians, to begin a comprehensive investigation. Preliminary information indicated the shooting occurred following a dispute between two acquaintances, and there is no ongoing threat to the community.

The Kane County State's Attorney's Office authorized the following charges against Carire-Arocho:

- First Degree Murder (two counts)
- Armed Violence
- Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon

Carire-Arocho is currently in custody with the Aurora Police Department as he awaits transportation to the Kane County Jail.

Charges are not proof of guilt. The defendant listed in this release is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial, at which it is the burden of the State to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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