



# AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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## **Aurora Police Make Arrests Following Reckless Discharge Investigation; Firearm Recovered**

The Aurora Police Department has charged two individuals following a reckless discharge investigation that occurred in the early morning hours of March 26, 2026.

At approximately 12:48 a.m., officers responded to multiple ShotSpotter alerts in the 500 block of E. Downer Place and 100 block of N. Union Street. Evidence of gunfire was located at both scenes, and video footage of the incident was obtained during the initial response.

That information was shared among responding officers and the Aurora Police Department's Critical Incident Intelligence Center (CIIC). Using License Plate Reader (LPR) technology, CIIC personnel identified a vehicle matching the description in the area.

Approximately 30 minutes later, officers located and stopped the suspect vehicle. A 9mm handgun was observed in plain view and recovered. Officers also recovered spent shell casings from both shooting locations, and preliminary investigation determined the casings were consistent with live ammunition found inside the vehicle.

The vehicle's four occupants were taken into custody without incident. Based on the investigation and statements obtained, two individuals were identified as responsible for discharging the firearm.

"This case reflects the value of timely information-sharing and coordinated response," said Chief Matt Thomas. "Fortunately, no people or property were struck by gunfire in this incident. Our officers quickly developed leads with the help of available technology and located those involved, bringing the situation to a safe resolution."

The case was reviewed by the Kane County State's Attorney's Office, which authorized the following charges:

Roque Parra-Salinas, 31, of Aurora (Driver)

- Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon (2 counts) – Class 4 Felony
- Reckless Discharge of a Firearm – Class 4 Felony
- Aggravated Driving Under the Influence – Class 4 Felony

Vrian Cruz, 27, of Aurora (Passenger)

- Reckless Discharge of a Firearm – Class 4 Felony
- Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon – Class 4 Felony

The two additional adult occupants that were taken into custody were released without charges.

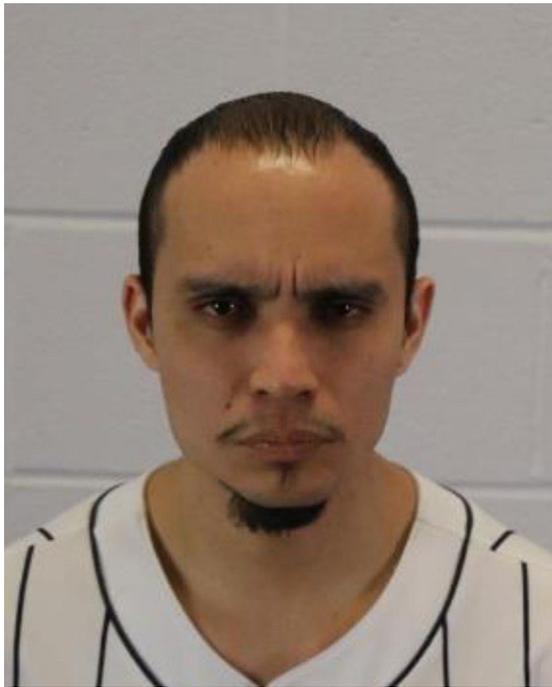
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The investigation remains ongoing. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Aurora Police Department's Investigations Division at (630) 256-5500.

Charges are not proof of guilt. All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



**Roque Parra-Salinas, 31**



**Vrian Cruz, 27**

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