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NEWS RELEASE

Police Negotiations End with Man Arrested for Residential Burglary

Buffalo Grove, IL – Anthony Garcia, 25, of Rolling Meadows, has been charged with residential burglary, a Class 1 felony, after officers responded to a burglary in progress incident over the weekend.

On Saturday, March 20, 2021 at approximately 7:50 p.m., the Buffalo Grove Police Department received a call from homeowners regarding an unknown subject in their residence in the 900 block of Beechwood Road in Buffalo Grove. The residents, who were not at home at the time, told police they received an alert from their Ring doorbell camera that showed a male subject on their property. Homeowners stated the residence should have been unoccupied.

Officers responded to the scene and located a damaged open window on the lower level of the residence and observed a subject, later identified as Anthony Garcia, inside. Officers identified themselves and attempted to make contact with Garcia. Garcia ignored attempts and fled to the basement of the residence where he barricaded himself. Officers provided Garcia with numerous opportunities to respond to their requests, but he remained non-compliant. The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) and other agencies were requested for assistance with the incident. After establishing contact and through a successful negotiation process, Garcia was taken into custody.

Garcia was transported to a nearby hospital where he was treated for minor injuries and released back into police custody for processing. The Cook County State's Attorney's Office approved felony residential burglary charges. Garcia remained in custody at the Buffalo Grove Police Department until he was transported to the Cook County Courthouse in Rolling Meadows for his bond hearing today, March 22, 2021.

Buffalo Grove's membership in NIPAS allows for highly trained officers in hostage or barricaded subject negotiations to respond to calls like this one. The Buffalo Grove Police Department is appreciative of the efforts by the responding agencies for the safe resolution to this incident.

The public is reminded individuals charged with any crime are considered innocent until proven guilty.