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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

INCIDENT: Armed Robbery

DATE: Sunday, March 19th, 2023

TIME: Approximately 10:00 PM

LOCATION: Parking lot of Mariano's, 1900 S. Cumberland Ave, Park Ridge

On Sunday, March 19th at approximately 10:00 PM, Park Ridge Police responded to the parking lot of the Mariano's Grocery Store, 1900 S. Cumberland, for a report of an armed robbery that had just occurred.

Upon arrival, officers met with the two victims who advised that they were exiting the store and walking towards their vehicle in the parking lot when a white and black Jeep Compass pulled up next to them. Three males exited the vehicle and approached the victims. One male was holding a gun and demanded the victims turn over their personal belongings which included wallets and cell phones. The victims complied after which the offenders got back into the vehicle and fled from the scene. The victims were able to provide officers with a license plate number and added that there appeared to be a fourth person in the Jeep who did not get out.

While at the scene conducting the investigation, Park Ridge officers learned that approximately five minutes prior to the incident in Mariano's parking lot an armed robbery occurred in the parking lot of the Rivers Casino in Des Plaines involving the same offending vehicle. Officers also learned that the vehicle had been stopped after the Park Ridge armed robbery by Chicago Police and Illinois State Police in Chicago and the occupants were taken into custody.

The Park Ridge Police Department is working with other law enforcement agencies. The investigation is ongoing at this time. PRPD will update with further information when available.

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