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## News Release



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### **Loves Park Man Arrested After an Incident in Cherry Valley**

On Saturday, April 17, 2021, at approximately 7:50pm Loves Park Police responded to the Windsor Mini Mart at 1038 Windsor Road after a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, Officers met with a female, who reported that a known acquaintance had assaulted her, fired a gun at her and fled the scene. The suspect was identified as Matthew S. Ronan of Loves Park. Officers attempted to stop the suspect vehicle, but were unsuccessful. The Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office reviewed the facts of the case and authorized the following charges and a \$500,000 warrant was obtained:

**Matthew S. Ronan (DOB: 7/30/1991) Loves Park, Illinois**

- Aggravated Battery in a Public Place (2 Counts)
- Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (2 Counts)

On Thursday, April 22, 2021, Cherry Valley Police received a report that the suspect, Matthew Ronan was staying at the Days Inn Hotel, at 220 S. Lyford Road in Cherry Valley. At approximately 2:11am, Cherry Valley Police assisted by Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the hotel and attempted to locate Ronan. A short time later police discovered that Ronan was armed with at least one handgun. The Sheriff's SWAT and negotiating teams were requested and responded to the scene. There were approximately 40 individuals staying at the hotel at the time, who were relocated to a safe area. At approximately 10:10am, the suspect, Matthew Ronan surrendered peacefully following successful discussions with crisis negotiators.

Ronan was arrested and is currently in custody at the Winnebago County Jail on the \$500,000 warrant. The charges are merely allegations and Matthew S. Ronan is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

The Sheriff's Office would like to thank the management and guests of the Days Inn Hotel for their cooperation during this incident. We also appreciate the assistance from the Loves Park and Cherry Valley Police Departments, Illinois State Police as well as the Cherry Valley Fire Department.

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