

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Retail Theft Suspect Arrested

**Gurnee** – Gurnee Police identified a suspect responsible for committing a retail theft at a Gurnee jewelry store on Monday, December 30, 2019. Gurnee detectives worked with the Lake County State's Attorney's Office to obtain an arrest warrant for Demond Reid, 43, of Chicago, Illinois.

On December 30, 2019, Gurnee Police responded to a local jewelry store after a man took \$50,000 worth of diamonds from the store. Officers were unable to locate the suspect that day, but Gurnee Police utilized social media and requested help from the community to identify the suspect based on surveillance video images. Following a thorough investigation, detectives identified Demond Reid and worked with several agencies in Chicago to locate him. On January 9, 2020, Reid was taken into custody by the Cook County Sheriff's Office and transported to the Gurnee Police Department.

"This case is a great example of how our officers and community members can create great partnerships to solve crime," explained Gurnee Police Chief Brian Smith. "The connections and interactions we made with citizens through social media have allowed us to utilize this resource and promote the safety of the entire community. We encourage citizens to participate in the process by calling the police at the onset of suspicious activity and taking responsibility for reporting information that may lead to an arrest."

Reid was booked and charged with theft over \$10,000 (Class 2 felony) and he appeared before a judge this afternoon in Bond Court. Bail was set at \$75,000.

All suspects accused of a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Original Media Release – 12/30/2019

On December 30, 2019, at approximately 10:55 AM, officers responded to a report of a retail theft at the 6500 block of Grand Avenue.

A male subject entered the store and requested to see jewelry from the display. During a consultation with the sales associate, the suspect took the merchandise and ran from the store. He did not make any threats to the sales associates, and there were no signs of a weapon. The estimated value of the merchandise is \$50,000.

Officers responded to the area and set up a perimeter while utilizing a K9 from the Lake County Sheriff's Office to assist with tracking the suspect. It was ultimately determined the suspect left in a vehicle.

The suspect was a black male wearing a tan hat, tan Carhartt jacket, blue jeans, and tan shoes. He is missing a front, upper left tooth.

Investigators are actively working this case and request anyone with information to contact the Gurnee Police Department at 847-599-7000.