



NEWS RELEASE

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Offenders Charged with Multiple Felonies, Including Vehicular Hijacking, Armed Robbery and Aggravated Battery



Demontae Watkins, 18



Charles Benson, 20

Offender #1: Demontae Watkins, 18 – 7100 block of S. Wolcott Ave., Chicago, Illinois

Charges: Two (2) felony counts – Attempt - Vehicular Hijacking - Aggravated - Firearm
One (1) felony count – Vehicular Hijacking - Aggravated - Firearm
One (1) felony count – Robbery - Armed with Firearm
One (1) felony count – Aggravated Battery/Public Place
One (1) felony count – UUW - Weapon - Possess/Carry/Conceal Weapon
One (1) misdemeanor count – Criminal Trespass to Vehicle/Phy Control
One (1) misdemeanor count – Resisting/Obstruct PC Off/Corr Emp/Frfrtr
Issuance of Warrant

Offender #2: Charles Benson, 20 – 6900 block of S. Jeffery Blvd., Chicago, Illinois

Charges: Two (2) felony counts – Attempt - Vehicular Hijacking - Aggravated - Firearm
One (1) felony count – Vehicular Hijacking - Aggravated - Firearm
One (1) felony count – Robbery - Armed with Firearm
One (1) felony count – Aggravated Battery/Public Place
One (1) felony count – Receive/Possess/Sell Stolen Vehicle
One (1) felony count – Aggravated Fleeing/2+ Con Devices
One (1) felony count – Aggravated Fleeing/Police/21 MPH
One (1) misdemeanor count – Resisting/Obstruct PC Off/Corr Emp/Frfrtr

Court: Detention Hearing – 2600 S. California – January 18, 2024

Narrative: The above offenders were arrested by members of the Vehicular Hijacking Task Force on January 16, 2024, at 8:19 p.m., in the 7000 block of S. Hermitage and the 7000 block of S. Wood, respectively. They were identified as the offenders who, less than one hour earlier, took part in an armed robbery, an aggravated battery and vehicular hijackings in the 18th District, in the 1500 block of N. State Pkwy., 1400 block of N. Astor and the 1000 block of N. Lake Shore Dr. Responding officers quickly located the offenders who were placed into custody and subsequently charged accordingly. No additional information is available at this time.

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