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Two Men Charged with Armed Robbery *Off-Duty Officer Helps Nab Suspects*

CHICAGO – Chicago Police charged two men in an armed robbery that occurred in the 19th (Town Hall) District.

David S. Shabazz, 20, of the 5400 block of S. Aberdeen was charged with one count of felony Aggravated Battery to Senior, one count of felony Armed Robbery, one count of felony UUW – Carry / Possess Firearm and a warrant issuance. Juwan Askew, 18, of the 200 block of W. Garfield Blvd, was charged with one count of felony Aggravated Battery to Senior, one count of felony Armed Robbery, and one misdemeanor count of Resisting Arrest.

The armed robbery occurred in the 1000 block of W. Barry Street on July 10, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. A 63-year-old man was walking on the sidewalk at that location when he was approached by a male offender who punched him in the face. The force of the punch caused the victim to fall to the ground, at which time the offender leveled a handgun at him and announced a robbery. The victim shouted for help as a second male offender appeared and both offenders continued striking him with the gun and their fists while rifling through his clothes searching for valuables.

An off-duty Chicago Police Officer, who happened to be in the area, heard the victim's yells and responded. Upon observing the situation, the Officer confronted the armed offenders by drawing his service weapon and announcing his office, whereupon, the offenders fled the scene on foot with the victim's wallet. The off-duty Officer gave chase and simultaneously called Emergency Operators in order to give a detailed description of the robbers, as well as their location.

19th (Town Hall) District Officers, who responded to the call, observed two subjects on the street matching the broadcasted offender descriptions. After a brief foot-pursuit and search, the offenders were located, detained and positively identified by the victim. They were subsequently placed into custody and charged accordingly. A weapon was also recovered.

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