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## CHICAGO MAN CHARGED WITH FIREARMS OFFENSES FOLLOWING SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE INVESTIGATION

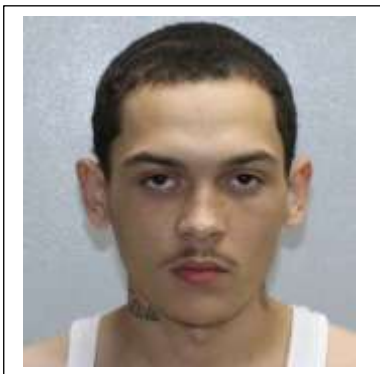
On June 28, 2026, at approximately 3:32 a.m., deputies with the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office responded to the 1500 block of South Adams Avenue in Freeport after a homeowner reported a suspicious vehicle parked in their driveway.

A deputy assigned to the Sheriff's Office Crime Suppression Unit, assisted by a Sheriff's Office K-9 unit, located the vehicle occupied by three individuals. During the ensuing investigation, deputies conducted a search of the vehicle and recovered a loaded 9mm handgun from beneath the driver's seat.

Following a review of the investigation by the Stephenson County State's Attorney's Office, the driver, Geonte L. Milton, 19, of Chicago, was arrested and charged with the following alleged offenses:

- Possession of a Firearm without a Firearm Owner's Identification Card (Felony)
- Aggravated Unlawful Possession of a Weapon (Felony)

Milton was transported to the Stephenson County Jail where he remains in custody pending a detention hearing.



**ACCUSED:** Geonte L. Milton

**AGE:** 19

**CITY/STATE OF RESIDENCE:** Chicago, IL

**CASE NUMBER:** 26CF243

Count 1: Possession of a Firearm without a Firearm Owner's Identification Card

Count 2: Aggravated Unlawful Possession of a Weapon

Bond: NONE

The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law and is entitled to a fair trial, at which the government bears the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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