



Rochester Police Department

Office of the Chief: David M. Smith

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Media Release

185 Exchange Boulevard

Ernst Street Shots Fired Arrest:

Original Release:

At approximately 3:15 PM Rochester Police Officers assigned to Clinton Section responded to Ernst St. near Hudson Ave. for a ShotSpotter activation. On arrival, officers observed a possible suspect in that area. The male suspect fled on officer approach but was subsequently taken into custody safely. An illegal handgun with a large capacity magazine was recovered. Officers located evidence of shots fired in the exact area indicated by the ShotSpotter activation.

The suspect taken into custody is a 17 year old male city resident.

Several streets in the area were closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic, but have since reopened.

The investigation is still in progress. We are very grateful to members of the community that have helped on this case, and anyone with additional information is asked to please call 911 or to use

<https://www.reportit.com/>.

Update:

As a result of the investigation, Officers learned that the suspect(s) had fired a handgun multiple times on Ernst Street at the occupants of a 2019 Kia. The Kia swerved, struck a fence, and the occupants fled, leaving the vehicle in the driveway of an uninvolved house. The ignition of the vehicle showed signs of having been tampered with and a short time later, it was reported stolen from an address on South Clinton Avenue. Additionally, the handgun recovered was a 9mm "Ghost Gun" that was loaded with 12 rounds.

The 17-year old male suspect was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd and 3rd Degree as well as Prohibited Use of a Weapon. He was transported to the Monroe County Children's Center. It should be noted, that he was also arrested on October 30, 2024 and charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the

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2nd Degree and Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree, relative to his role in firing shots at someone on Van Acker Street on October 19, 2024.

Additionally, the 17-year old suspect's mother was transported to the Monroe County Jail due to an outstanding bench warrant from Rochester City Court.



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