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MEDIA RELEASE

Man Apprehended and Charged After Kidnapping Woman, Beating, Sexually Assaulting Her

On May 19, 2021, at approximately 2:00 a.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the 28000 block of Commercial Avenue, Lake Barrington, for a possible sexual assault in progress.

A 911 caller reported he was checking the well-being of Ryan Storm, 20, of the 500 block of West Gilbert Road, Palatine. A strange call from Storm prompted the caller to check Storm's well-being. This well-being check was taking place at Storm's place of work at a business on Commercial Avenue.

When the caller went inside the business to check on Storm, Storm fled out a back door. The caller observed a nude woman bound to a piece of heavy equipment. The woman, a 20-year-old, had been battered and was the victim of a sexual assault.

The victim was transported to an area hospital and is recovering. Further investigation revealed Storm was responsible for holding the victim against her will, tying her down, and sexually assaulting her.

Sheriff's deputies and canines from the Lake & McHenry County Sheriff's Offices spent several hours searching for Storm. Shortly after 8:00 a.m., information was developed indicating Storm was in Fox River Grove, attempting to avoid apprehension. Members of the Lake County Sheriff's Office, McHenry County Sheriff's Office, Fox River Grove Police, Cary Police, Barrington Police, and Barrington Hills Police Departments checked the Ski Hill Road, where Storm had been spotted.

A Fox River Grove Police Officer observed Storm running in the 900 block of Ski Hill Road. The Fox River Grove Police Officer pursued Storm on foot and the officer was subsequently able to take Storm into custody. Storm was subsequently transported to the Lake County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division.

After reviewing the facts and circumstances of the case the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the

following charges for Storm:

Kidnapping
Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault
Criminal Sexual Assault
Criminal Sexual Abuse
Unlawful Restraint

Additional charges are likely. Storm remains held in the Lake County Jail pending an initial court hearing.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, “I firmly believe that the victim’s life was saved because of the gut feeling the caller had, and the caller taking the further step of checking on the situation in the middle of the night. That, in conjunction with terrific law-enforcement collaboration, saved the victim’s life and allowed us to take the offender into custody.”

Sheriff Idleburg extends his thanks to:

Fox River Grove Police Department
McHenry County Sheriff’s Office
Barrington Police Department
Cary Police Department
Barrington Hills Police Department

All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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