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**BAIL SET AT \$3 MILLION FOR AURORA MAN  
IN ALLEGED MURDER ATTEMPT THAT PRECEDED FATAL CRASH  
NEAR FOX VALLEY MALL**

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A Kane County judge today set bail at \$3 million for a man charged in a Wednesday shooting near downtown Aurora that prompted a fatal vehicle crash in far western DuPage County.

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon has charged 23-year-old **Adrien L. Betsinger** with the offenses of:

- Attempted murder, Class X felony
- Aggravated battery with a firearm, Class X felony
- Aggravated discharge of a firearm, Class 1 felony, 6 counts
- Felon in possession of a firearm while on parole, Class 2 felony

Kane County prosecutors allege that at about 1:30 p.m. Feb. 19, 2020, Betsinger was riding in the front passenger seat of a vehicle, a silver Chevrolet Monte Carlo occupied by the driver and one other, when he fired multiple shots at the victim, who was driving a vehicle that was stopped in the 600 block of South Broadway Street. One of the bullets struck the victim, who immediately drove himself to the hospital, where the non-life-threatening injuries were treated. A witness called police to report the shooting. An Aurora officer spotted the Monte Carlo, which then fled at high speed on New York Street into DuPage County. The Monte Carlo then crashed into several vehicle after it passed Commons Drive near Fox Valley Mall, and split in half, ejecting the three occupants. All three were taken to the hospital, where the driver, 24-year-old Erik Esparza, died.

Betsinger appeared today in Kane County bond court. Kane County Michael Noland set Betsinger's bail at \$3 million, with 10 percent (\$300,000) to apply for bond.

Judge Noland set Betsinger's next court appearance for 9 a.m. March 5, 2020, in Courtroom 305 at the Kane County Judicial Center.

The charges against Betsinger are not proof of guilt. Betsinger is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

**Adrien L. Betsinger:** Age 23 (d.o.b. 12-24-1996), of the 500 block of Woodlawn Avenue, Aurora, Illinois. Case No. 20CF357.