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11 PEOPLE FACE FELONY CHARGES FOR CRIMINAL CONDUCT RELATED TO AURORA DEMONSTRATIONS

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Eleven individuals face felony charges for alleged criminal conduct that occurred in Kane County during demonstrations related to the May 25 death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon has charged:

- 19-year-old **Vianney Huerta** (d.o.b. 11-4-2000, of the 1-99 block of Hampton Road, Montgomery) with the offenses of arson, Class 2 felony, and criminal damage to government supported property, Class 4 felony. Kane County prosecutors allege that early May 31, 2020, Huerta started a fire inside an Elgin police vehicle that was parked in a lot on East New York Street. Multiple Elgin police officers assisted Aurora police officers with crowd control during a demonstration. Her next court appearance is set for 1:30 p.m. June 10, 2020, in Courtroom 319 at the Kane County Judicial Center. Case No. 20CF1009.
- 20-year-old **Patricia M. Spangler-Hughes** (d.o.b. 7-4-1999, of the 100 block of Evans Avenue, Aurora) with the offenses of burglary, Class 2 felony, and retail theft, Class 3 felony. Kane County prosecutors allege that early June 1, 2020, Spangler-Hughes caused damage as she broke into the Walmart store at 2900 Kirk Road, Aurora, and stole more than \$300 worth of merchandise. Her next court appearance is set for Sept. 9, 2020, in Courtroom 311 at the Kane County Judicial Center. Case No. 20CF991.
- 34-year-old **Erica M. Higgins** (d.o.b. 1-25-1986, of the 800 block of Douglas Avenue, Aurora), with the offenses of burglary, Class 2 felony, retail theft, Class 3 felony. Kane County prosecutors allege that early June 1, 2020, Higgins caused damage as she broke into the Walmart store at 2900 Kirk Road, Aurora, and stole more than \$300 worth of merchandise. Her next court appearance is set for Aug. 20, 2020, in Courtroom 319 at the Kane County Judicial Center. Case No. 20CF983.

- 35-year-old **Frankie Higgins** (d.o.b. 10-20-1984, of the 800 block of Douglas Avenue, Aurora) with the offenses of burglary, Class 2 felony, and retail theft, Class 3 felony. Kane County prosecutors allege that early June 1, 2020, Higgins caused damage as he broke into the Walmart store at 2900 Kirk Road, Aurora, and stole more than \$300 worth of merchandise. His next court appearance is set for Aug. 20, 2020, in Courtroom 319 at the Kane County Judicial Center. Case No. 20CF984.
- 29-year-old **Isiah Stephenson** (d.o.b. 10-21-1990), of the 1300 block of Croton Court, Aurora) with the offenses of burglary, Class 2 felony, and retail theft, Class 3 felony. Kane County prosecutors allege that early June 1, 2020, Stephenson caused damage as he broke into the Walmart store at 2900 Kirk Road, Aurora, and stole more than \$300 worth of merchandise. His next court appearance is set for Aug. 20, 2020, in Courtroom 319 at the Kane County Judicial Center. Case No. 20CF985.
- 21-year-old **Precious F. Henderson** (d.o.b. 4-2-1999, of the 700 block of George Avenue, Aurora) with the offenses of burglary, Class 4 felony, retail theft, Class 3 felony. Kane County prosecutors allege that the evening of May 31, 2020, Henderson entered a business in the 1-99 block of Root Street, Aurora, that had been broken into. She was in possession of Xanax without a prescription. Her next court appearance is set for Aug. 17, 2020, in Courtroom 311 at the Kane County Judicial Center. Case No. 20CF974.
- 36-year-old **Dionjray M. Davis** (d.o.b. 1-20-1984, of the 200 block of Blackhawk Avenue, Aurora) with the offenses of theft between \$500 and \$10,000, Class 3 felony, and aggravated fleeing and eluding, Class 4 felony, 3 counts. Kane County prosecutors allege that the morning of June 1, 2020, Davis stole between \$500 and \$10,000 worth of merchandise from the Walmart store at 2900 Kirk Road, Aurora. When police arrived he fled and led police on a chase, exceeding the speed limit by more than 21 mph, disobeying at least 2 traffic signals and causing a traffic crash, which caused more than \$300 in damage. His next court appearance is set for Sept. 9, 2020, in Courtroom 319 at the Kane County Judicial Center. Case No. 20CF994.
- 28-year-old **Sean M. Painter** (d.o.b. 9-13-1991, of the 200 block of Washington Square, Elk Grove Village) with the offenses of aggravated battery to a peace officer, Class 2 felony, and aggravated battery, Class 3 felony. Kane County prosecutors allege that early the morning of June 1, 2020, in downtown Aurora, Painter tried to prevent an Aurora police officer from taking a suspect into custody. His next court appearance is set for Aug. 19, 2020, in Courtroom 217 at the Kane County Judicial Center. Case No. 20CF975.
- 24-year-old **Austin C. Hoening** (d.o.b. 7-31-1995, of the 1700 block of Emerald Bay, Palatine, with the offenses of aggravated battery to a peace officer, Class 2 felony, aggravated battery, Class 3 felony, possession of a controlled substance, Class 4 felony. Kane County prosecutors allege that early the morning of June 1, 2020, in downtown Aurora, Hoening tried to prevent an Aurora police officer from taking a suspect into custody, and was in possession of Xanax without a

prescription and MDMA. His next court appearance is set for Aug. 19, 2020, in Courtroom 217 at the Kane County Judicial Center. Case No. 20CF976.

- 27-year-old **Jeffrie M.L. Highsmith** (d.o.b. 6-27-1992, of the 300 block of Evans Avenue, Aurora,) with the offenses of: armed violence, Class 2 felony, criminal damage to government supported property, Class 3 felony, aggravated assault of a peace officer, Class 4 felony. Kane County prosecutors allege that the night of May 31, 2020, during the demonstration in downtown Aurora, Highsmith stole a flare and baton from an unoccupied police vehicle and threw a large rock at police officers before he fled on foot. Highsmith is wanted on an arrest warrant. Case Nos. 20CF979.
- 27-year-old **Keanu M. Stewart** (d.o.b. 3-2-1993, of the 100 block of Trask Street, Aurora. with the offense of aggravated assault, Class 3 felony. Kane County prosecutors allege that the evening of June 2, 2020, Stewart drove his vehicle directly at multiple police officers who were blocking a roadway. No one was injured. Stewart is wanted on an arrest warrant. Case No. 20CF1000.

Kane County State’s Attorney Joe McMahon said:

“I respect the fact that people across this nation are angry and frustrated about the ongoing lack of attention to issues of inequality, racism and the maltreatment of African-Americans. I agree that we should be much farther down the road toward a more equal and just society. I, too, am disgusted at the actions of former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin and the three Minneapolis officers who watched him kill Mr. Floyd. Our nation was founded on protest and I expect that the protests will continue until we see meaningful change.

“However, the individuals named in this statement were more interested in mayhem. Some of these defendants are from outside the communities they vandalized and some are alleged street gang members. All are opportunistic criminals who sought to steal the spotlight away from those who were demonstrating, whether by looting, engaging in violent conduct or putting someone’s life and safety at risk.”

The charges against those named above are not proof of guilt. Each is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state’s burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.