



***PRESS RELEASE – 06/21/22 – Chief of Police Dan Burch***

On June 19th at about 313am the Round Lake Park Police Department responded to the 100 block of E. Washington Street for a report of a disturbance in progress behind a business at this location. It was reported that approximately 20 people were fighting and possibly pointing guns at each other.

Officer arrived on scene and observed a male subject later identified as Eloy Leal, 34 of Waukegan, with a gun. Leal was seen placing the gun in the waistband of his pants, concealing the weapon with his shirt. When Officers approached Leal, after being told not to several times, he started reaching down toward his waistband. Officers used less lethal force to stop Leal from reaching where he placed the gun. He was placed into custody and a pistol was recovered from Leal's waistband. In this case, the Officer's quick and decisive actions and use of less lethal technologies allowed for a quick de-escalation of a potentially violent situation.

Officers called the Greater Round Lake Area Fire Protection District to evaluate Leal who initially declined but eventually agreed to medical care. He was transported to the Grayslake Emergency Center for a medical evaluation. After being evaluated by a doctor he was released from the hospital.

The facts of the case were reviewed with the Lake County States Attorney's Office, Felony Review Division and the following charges were approved –

Possession of a Firearm with No FOID (or Conceal Carry License)

Unlawful Possession or Use of a Weapon by a Felon

Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon

Armed Habitual Criminal

Resisting Arrest

Leal appeared at the Lake County Bond Court on 06/19/22.