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Vehicular Hijacking Incident in Glencoe (Updated)

On January 18, 2024, at approximately 7:58 p.m., Glencoe Public Safety officers responded to a 911 call for a property damage accident in the area of Sunset Ln and Skokie Ridge Dr. The investigation into this incident has revealed there was a staged crash involving a black BMW X5 with one occupant, and a silver GMC Acadia with a driver and 3 juvenile passengers. The driver of the GMC caused a minor crash into the rear of the victim's vehicle. After exiting the GMC, the offender battered the victim in the BMW and proceeded to hijack the victim's vehicle and flee from the scene. Upon police arrival, neither of the vehicles involved in the crash were on scene.

Glencoe Public Safety members tracked the victim's vehicle to the 6800 Block of West Cleveland St, Niles, IL, where a suspect was quickly identified and apprehended. At 8:23 p.m., Alexandru C. Croitor, 19, 3700 Block of W. Pratt Ave, Lincolnwood, IL, was taken into custody. On January 19, 2024, Croitor was charged with one count of Vehicular Hijacking, a class 1 felony. Croitor will be taken to a pretrial detention hearing on January 20, 2024, at the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

The investigation has determined this was an isolated incident, and there is no further threat to Glencoe. The offender has no nexus to a street gang or any other criminal enterprise. There is no nexus identified between the offender and the victim. Any further information is currently unavailable as the investigation is on-going.

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