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Public Safety Update

At approximately 10:50pm on Monday, October 4th, two cars exchanged gunfire near the intersection of Irving Park and Rockwell. This exchange continued as the two cars—an SUV and a sedan—drove eastbound on Irving Park. Shortly after turning left onto Ashland, the SUV crashed into a parked car, and several individuals exited the vehicle on foot. Upon responding to the scene, officers found a male in the passenger seat who had sustained gunshot wounds. He was subsequently transported to Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Area 3 detectives and the 19th Police District are investigating the incident. Thus far, they have determined that both the SUV and the sedan were stolen, based on POD camera video. While canvassing the stretch of Irving Park between Rockwell and Ashland, officers recovered multiple shell casings. Currently, they are not aware of anyone else who sustained injuries. If you have any information, please contact Area 3 at (312) 744-8261.

Shootings like what occurred last night are on the rise citywide. My staff and I have spoken with many neighbors who are deeply upset and exhausted, feeling less safe in our community and wanting to know what steps the City is taking to address these critical issues. Early this morning I spoke with 19th District Commander Papaioannou, both about last night's shooting as well as the fatal car crash that occurred early Sunday morning. The 19th District is increasing its traffic missions along Irving Park, Western, and Ashland, focusing on identifying stolen vehicles using mobile plate readers. In addition, the 19th District and my office are working to schedule a special CAPS meeting as quickly as possible, so that neighbors have the opportunity to learn about the status of these investigations, to hear about the steps that are being taken in response, and to ask questions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact my office at info@aldermanmartin.com or (773) 868-4747.