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Murder and Aggravated Battery Investigation

As has been previously reported, Roselle Police Officers responded to a shots fired call on the 27th of June, 2020 at approximately 1:30 AM [10 Picton Road]. When Roselle officers arrived they were met with resistance as they attempted to approach the home and to render aid to those victims who had received gun shot wounds. Roselle officers discovered James Elm of Maywood had been killed by the gunfire, along with four additional gunshot victims who, because of their injuries, remained at the scene. It was learned that many of the partygoers fled the home after the gunshots were fired. On scene officers requested additional law enforcement mutual aid in order to secure the crime scene and control the remaining crowd. The crime scene and the neighborhood was secured within 35 minutes of receiving the call.

The Roselle home, where this incident took place, had been rented, and at this time it appears many in attendance were from the Garfield Park area of Chicago. It also appears that at about 1:30 AM, one person began firing a handgun within the home. It further appears that several other people at the incident also began firing handguns within the home. In total, over 60 gun shots were fired leaving one dead and four injured. No guns were fired by Roselle Police Officers.

All the collected evidence is forensically being assembled to reconstruct the events that took place during this incident, which is a complex and tedious process. Few, if any, of the partygoers or victims are cooperating with the police or investigators in this case.

In the days of social media, we see many rumors being passed along about this case. The Roselle Police Department needs to assemble as much valid information on this case as possible, we need to protect those victims in this case and bring those responsible to justice. If you have any information which will aid us in this case, we ask you to call Detective Sergeant Robert Gates at 630-671-4027 or email him at rgates@roselle.il.us.

Roselle Detectives, MERIT Investigators, Forensic Unit Investigators and Assistant State's Attorneys are actively working this case and have been following up on leads which have been developed from the physical evidence at the scene. This case is and will remain an active police investigation.

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