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The state of gun violence in Homewood, Flossmoor



Halloween shooting prompts meeting addressing teen traumas

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In response to a Halloween-weekend shooting at a Flossmoor home that left a young man dead, the Village of Flossmoor partnered with local officials and support groups to host a conversation meetup for teenagers.

Over pizza and lemonade at Wiley's Grill on Sunday, Nov. 21, young people and their caregivers had a chance to talk about their worries and hopes for the future.

"Some recent trauma in the area has highlighted the need for this," said Flossmoor Mayor Michelle Nelson. "We're bringing kids together to have difficult conversations in a safe space."



Police allege car theft victim stood on Halsted firing shots

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The victim of a vehicle theft was himself taken into custody on Dec. 23 and charged by Homewood Police with firearms crimes for shooting after his car as the thief drove away.

Shortly before 10 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 28, Tyrone Hymon left his vehicle unoccupied in a parking lot at the intersection of Halsted Street in Homewood.

An unknown person or people entered the car and drove away. Hymon, a resident of Columbus, Georgia, chased after the vehicle as it drove down Halsted Street.

While chasing the vehicle, police allege Hymon fired a gun in its direction, before being struck by a second vehicle.

Homewood police and paramedics arrived on the scene, where EMTs treated Hymon, 36, for minor injuries.

Later, police recovered shell casings from the area, and they say an investigation revealed Hymon to be the person who discharged a firearm in the incident.

They arrested Hymon, charging him on Dec. 24 with three felony counts, including aggravated discharge of a firearm, aggravated use of a weapon by a felon and one count for being an "armed habitual criminal."

At a hearing on Dec. 25, a Cook County judge issued a \$10,000 D bond for Hymon. Police continue to investigate the motor vehicle theft. Anyone with information can contact the Homewood Police Department Criminal Investigations Unit at 708-306-3420.

Homewood Police arrest man with 3 guns, 2 bags of cannabis

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A Dolton man remains in Cook County jail after Homewood Police officers found him sleeping in his car, allegedly alongside three handguns and two large bags of cannabis.

Easias Frazier is being held on \$100,000 bond on charges of resisting a police officer, intent to deliver more than 500 grams of cannabis, and being an armed habitual criminal, which is a Class X felony charge.

On Thursday, Feb. 24, Homewood officers responded to a call of a suspicious vehicle in the 18600 block of Goldview Avenue, and found 32-year-old Frazier sleeping inside. According to information

released online, officers identified Frazier, 28, who was on parole, and observed the gray sedan with a handgun protruding from his car window.

During their attempt to arrest him, Frazier failed to put his hands behind his back and tried to flee. With help from more police, officers were able to take him into custody.

On the floor of the car's back seat, police officers observed an unopened bag and "a green leafy substance." Police said inside the duffel bag, officers located sealed bags of cannabis and two more handguns.

Frazier's next court date is April 1 at The Circuit Court of Cook County's Markham Courthouse.

The proliferation of firearms can lead to dangerous situations and local crime. The Chronicle took a look at statistics for Homewood and Flossmoor. Story on page 16-17.

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