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CTA Blue Line Arrest - Attempt Murder

Forest Park Police Officers were called to the Harlem Avenue CTA Blue Line stop at approximately 8:34am on Monday, December 1, 2025 for a battery that had just occurred. The dispatch center informed officers that an elderly male had been punched and was laying on the elevated train tracks. An offender description was given to the responding police officers.

Officers located the victim lying on the train tracks. Tommie O. Carter, age 39 of Chicago was found on the train platform and matched the description of the offender given. Officers approached Carter and attempted to place him in custody. Carter defied verbal orders, actively resisted arrest and fought with officers trying to secure him in handcuffs. Officers of the River Forest Police Department arrived to assist in the arrest of Carter. After being placed in custody, Carter spit on an officer and remained resistant.

Officers tended to the victim who was transported to Loyola Hospital by a Forest Park Fire Department ambulance to treat the injuries that they received as a result of Carter's alleged violent and unprovoked actions.

The investigation revealed that the victim nearly struck the "third rail" and that an outbound CTA elevated train was approaching the Harlem Avenue terminal. The train conductor witnessed the incident and saw that the victim on the train tracks was immobilized. They stopped the train to avoid striking the victim.

The Forest Park Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division worked together with the Cook County State's Attorney's office and after interviewing witnesses and reviewing video, the following, felony charges against Tommie O. Carter were approved:

1 Count of Attempt Murder

3 Counts of Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer

Carter will be transported to the Maybrook Square Courthouse on December 3, 2025 for a pretrial release hearing

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