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NEWS RELEASE

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Chatham County Police Department Officers Confront and Arrest Armed Suspect During Shots Fired Incident in Neighborhood

Suspect Facing 15 Felony Charges

Chatham County, GA (September 9, 2026) – Chatham County Police Department Patrol Officers confronted and arrested a man armed with an AR-15 rifle after a shots fired incident in a residential area early this morning.

Chatham County Police Department officers arrested 20-year-old Edwin Aburto Torres and charged him with 15 felony counts. He is charged with four felony counts of aggravated assault against a law enforcement officer, seven counts of aggravated assault, and four counts of second-degree criminal damage to property. In Georgia, pointing a firearm at a person is grounds for a felony aggravated assault charge.

Just after 2:00 a.m. today Chatham County Police Department officers were dispatched to the 200 block of Larchmont Drive for multiple calls reporting shots being fired in the area. When officers arrived, they found an adult male in the backyard of a residence armed with an AR-15. Officers say the man pointed the weapon at them before running from them. The suspect later obeyed officers' commands to drop his weapon but continued to run. He was eventually caught on Quacco Road by a Chatham County Police Department Officer who chased him on foot. The suspect did not fire his weapon at officers, and Chatham County Police Department officers did not fire their weapons during the incident.

The AR-15 dropped by the suspect was quickly recovered and secured by Chatham County Police Department officers on the scene.

While no injuries occurred during the incident, several homes were damaged by gunfire before officers arrived.

"I cannot speak highly enough of our brave police officers who ran without hesitation towards the gunman and disarmed him before an innocent person in their home was hurt or killed by this inexcusable and reckless behavior," said Chatham County Police Chief Jeff Hadley. "Every

Chatham County Police Department officer knows that a routine shift can quickly turn into a life-or-death emergency, and they are rigorously trained for just this kind of situation. We are incredibly thankful that each of these officers who responded to this call ended their shift unharmed.”

The case remains under investigation by the Chatham County Police Department’s Criminal Investigations Unit, and today officers continued their canvas of the neighborhood to see if there was any property damage beyond what was initially reported.

After Torres was taken into custody, he was booked into the Chatham County Detention Center.

The Chatham County Police Department is the lead investigative agency in this case, and any information from another source may not be accurate at this time.

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