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**Fremont Township Robbery Suspect Apprehended by Sheriff's
Canine Team**

On Sunday, July 1, 2018 at approximately 3:05 AM, Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a motel in the 31000 block on Route 45, Fremont Township, for a robbery. Upon arrival, they spoke with the victim, a 25-year-old Mundelein man, who told them he was approached by another male subject asking for money. When the victim gave the subject some money, the subject grabbed more money from the victim's hands and ran from the scene. The victim chased the subject for a short distance but then stopped to call 911.

Deputy John Forlenza and his K9 partner Dax arrived and began a track, in an attempt to locate the offender. K9 Dax tracked to the backyard of a nearby residence where the offender was located. He refused to follow instructions and attempted to flee by climbing a fence in the backyard. K9 Dax intervened, bit and apprehended the male. During the apprehension the man punched K9 Dax. He was subsequently taken into custody and identified as Chester A. Biggs Jr., 39, of the 33000 block of North 2nd Avenue in Warren Township. Biggs was transported by ambulance to Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville for treatment to his leg from the K9 bite. Upon his release, Biggs was transported to the Lake County Jail and charged with the following offenses:

Robbery (Class 2 Felony)
Theft (Class 4 Felony)
Criminal Damage to Property (Class A misdemeanor)
Resisting a Peace Officer- Two Counts (Class A misdemeanor)
Striking a Police Animal (Class A Misdemeanor)

Following a bond hearing, Biggs was remanded to the custody of the Lake County Jail with a \$50,000.00 bond pending his next court appearance on August 1, 2018 at 1:30 PM in courtroom C-120.

Sheriff Curran reminds the public the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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