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Bloomington Man Arrested for Aggravated Battery / Great Bodily Harm

Bloomington, IL –On Friday, 06-25-2021, at approximately 12:50 a.m., Bloomington Police officers and Bloomington Firefighters were dispatched to a hotel on Brickyard Drive for an unconscious person. Upon arrival, officers located a 44-year-old male, who was lying on the ground unconscious and bleeding from his head. The victim was transported by Bloomington Fire Department to OSF St. Joseph's Emergency Room and was later transported to OSF St. Francis in Peoria.

Officers began investigating the incident and learned the suspect, identified as Anthony R. Gillespie, 39, of Bloomington, Illinois, had punched the victim. At approximately 1:30 a.m., officers arrested Gillespie in the 300 block of E. Wood St while they were conducting follow up on the incident. He was arrested without incident and was later transported to the McLean County Jail.

The McLean County State's Attorney charged Anthony R. Gillespie with:

- Aggravated Battery / Great Bodily Harm (Felony)
- Obstructing Justice (2 counts - Felony)

Bond was set at \$500,000 - 10% to apply.

The victim, identified as James G. Noplos, 44, of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, was in serious and critical condition in OSF St. Francis in Peoria, Illinois for most of the weekend and this week seeking medical treatment. On 6/30/2021, at 4:32 p.m., the Peoria County Coroner Jamie Harwood declared Noplos deceased. The cause of death listed was blunt force head trauma.

This incident is still under investigation. No additional information will be released. Anyone with information regarding the incident should contact BPD Detective Ty Klein at 309-434-2366 or TKlein@cityblm.org. Incident report # 202107936.

All suspect(s) are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in the court of law.

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