



# BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## ***Bloomington Man Arrested for Sex Offenses against a Juvenile***

**Bloomington, IL** - On Wednesday, 3/30/2022, at approximately 3:00 p.m., Bloomington police officers arrested Wilmer A. Marquez-Ayala, 35, of Bloomington, Illinois for nine McLean County warrants, without incident. Marquez-Ayala's warrants were issued on 3/30/2022 as a result of a sex offense investigation that began on November 11th, 2021 in Bloomington.

As a result of the investigation, BPD detectives learned that a juvenile victim, who Marquez-Ayala knew, was sexually assaulted for approximately a year. Out of respect for the victim, no additional information will be released.

After the arrest, Marquez-Ayala was transported to the McLean County Jail. The bond on the McLean County warrants was \$1,000,000 - 10% to apply.

Chief Jamal Simington said, *"Sexual assault and abuse has no place in our society. We strive as a police agency to diligently investigate these serious crimes and seek justice for sexual assault victims. We also partner with community stakeholders to discuss preventive strategies. If you or someone you know is being or has been sexually assaulted, please call us at 309-820-8888. If you are hesitant to call us, please call the YWCA - Stepping Stones' 24-hour Hotline at (309) 556-7000."*



Wilmer A. Marquez-Ayala

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

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