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Warrant/Gun Arrests

Bloomington, IL - On Sunday, 01/01/2023, at approximately 1:20 a.m., members of the Bloomington Police Department's Street Crimes (SCU), Criminal Investigation Unit (CID), and 3rd Shift Patrol, attempted to locate Ronald J. Thornton. Ronald was wanted on a 2 million dollar warrant for an Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm incident. Officers were able to locate Thornton near a business in the 900 block of Maple Hill Road. When officers observed Thornton, he briefly fled, but was quickly taken into custody. An individual with Thornton, Tamaris Clay, was also taken into custody after officers observed him placing a firearm into the nearby vehicle.

Arrested was RONALD J. THORNTON, 23, M, Bloomington

-RESISTING / OBSTRUCTING / PEACE OFFICER / CORRECTION EMPLOYEE
-AGGRAVATED DISCHARGE OF FIREARM / OCCUPIED (Warrant 2,000,000)
-PAROLE VIOLATION (no bond)

Arrested was TAMARIS T. CLAY, 22, M, Bloomington

-DL EXPIRED MORE THAN A YEAR
-UNLAWFUL USE OF WEAPONS / FELON POSSESS / USE FIREARM / PAROLE

The circumstances behind this incident are still pending investigation. Currently, there are no injuries to report and no additional suspect(s) information to release at this time.

Anyone with information should contact the Bloomington Police Department at 309-820-8888.

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If you wish to submit a tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at (309)-434-2963 or email CIAU@cityblm.org.

The CIAU office is staffed from 8am-4:30pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

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