



# BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## *Officer Involved Shooting*

Bloomington, IL - On Wednesday, 04/12/23, the McLean County State's Attorney's Office has authored its preliminary report regarding the officer involved shooting on 3/30/23.

*In conjunction with the State's Attorney's Office's preliminary report, the Bloomington Police Department has released the following:*

*After a review of written reports, body-cam footage, Illinois State Police Investigators' reports, and meeting with Illinois State Police Investigators, the McLean County State's Attorney's Office stated, "The McLean County State's Attorney's Office finds the course of actions engaged by the officers was justified, reasonable, and necessary to protect themselves from great bodily harm and loss of life. It is the unequivocal opinion of the McLean County State's Attorney's Office the Bloomington Police Department's officers were legally justified in their use of force against this subject on March 30, 2023."*

*According to Chief Jamal A. Simington, "Bloomington Police Department responded to a shot(s) fired incident without hesitation or reluctance after receiving a call of danger from the public. The officers responsibly carried out their duty to resolve the issue with bravery and concern for the lives of others. It is fortunate all involved, the complainants, the armed individual and the officers survived this very dangerous incident. Our mission is public safety and gun crimes such as these are a high priority, which our officers are highly committed to appropriately address. I offer a sincere thanks to the Illinois State Police for their on-going and independent investigation, as well as the Bloomington Fire Department, Normal Police Department and the McLean County Sheriff's Office for assisting the BPD the night of the shooting. I would ask the public to keep all involved in your thoughts and prayers."*

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*The officers involved in this shooting incident currently remain on administrative leave.*

*Due to the on-going investigation, the Bloomington Police Department will not have any further comments at this time.*

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Previous Release

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### ***Officer Involved Shooting***

**Bloomington, IL - On Thursday, 03/30/23, at approximately 9:23 p.m., Bloomington Police Department officers were dispatched to the 900 block of Turnberry Drive, for an armed subject(s) call. While en route, BPD officers were advised shot(s) had been fired.**

**When officers arrived, they made contact with the still armed suspect in the entry way to the apartment building. The officer(s) fired striking the suspect.**

**No officers were injured during this incident. The suspect was taken by Bloomington Fire and Rescue to an area hospital with a gunshot wound(s).**

**Immediately following the incident, the Illinois State Police were contacted to conduct an independent investigation regarding the use of deadly force.**

**###**

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The circumstances behind this incident are still pending investigation by the Bloomington Police Department and the Illinois State Police. Anyone with information should contact the Bloomington Police Department at 309-820-8888.

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