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Catalytic Converter Thieves Caught with Stolen Car

Bloomington, IL - On Thursday, 06/29/23, Bloomington Police Department officers were dispatched to the area of Walnut Street and Western Avenue, for a report of suspicious activity. Earlier in the day, both BPD and ISP had the same vehicle flee from separate traffic stops. The call was in the area where that vehicle previously fled from BPD. Multiple Bloomington police officers, Illinois state troopers, and a McLean County K-9 unit responded to the area to investigate the suspicious activity.

While in the area, two male subjects matching the description provided to dispatch were located. Officers believed these subjects were in the vehicle when it fled earlier in the day. As officers contacted the subjects, a "Sawzall" blade was located in one of their pockets during a consent search.

As officers were speaking with the male subjects, other officers located the car that fled from the traffic stops. During the vehicle search, multiple "Sawzall" blades, catalytic converters, and burglary tools were located. While officers were still conducting the investigation, it was learned the car was also stolen. Both male subjects were arrested.

Chief Jamal Simington stated, "This is a great example of good police work leading to the arrest of those responsible for serious crimes in our area. Many Bloomington residents have suffered the ill effects of having their catalytic converters stolen. The investigation into the thefts of catalytic converters will continue. I would like to thank the Illinois State Police, the McLean County Sheriff's office, and the Bloomington police officers for their involvement during this incident."

ARRESTED: Donte Gray, 33, Dolton Illinois

Donte was arrested for the following charges:

- AGGRAVATED RECKLESS DRIVING
- DRIVING WHILE LICENSE IS REVOKED

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ARRESTED: Aaron Marshall, 29, Riverdale Illinois

Aaron was arrested for the following:

- Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle
- Possession of Stolen Property
- Possession of Burglary Tools



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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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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