



# BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## *Armed Robbery Arrest*

Bloomington, IL - On Saturday, 9/30/2023, at approximately 8:34 p.m., Bloomington police officers were dispatched to a business, located in the 2400 block of South Main Street, for an armed robbery. The suspect displayed what appeared to be a handgun and demanded money from the register. The employee surrendered currency from the register. The suspect fled the scene in a vehicle.

The suspect vehicle was observed by BPD officers shortly after police were notified. Officers attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the suspect vehicle. The suspect failed to stop and fled from officers.

The suspect vehicle was later observed driving and it continued onto the interstate. The Illinois State Police and McLean County Sheriff's Office initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. The vehicle eventually took the Carlock exit and once again attempted to flee. The suspect lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a farm field. The suspect fled on foot and was quickly taken into custody.

There were no injuries as a result of the incident.

### **ARRESTED:**

**Marcus T. Folks, male, 41, of Jackson TN.**

- **Armed Robbery with a Firearm**
- **Aggravated Robbery Indicating Armed with a Firearm**
- **Numerous Traffic Related Offenses**

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## ARRESTED

- ARMED ROBBERY - WITH A FIREARM
- AGGRAVATED ROBBERY - INDICATING ARMED WITH A FIREARM
- MULTIPLE TRAFFIC OFFENSES



Chief Jamal Simington stated, "The collaboration in this investigation speaks volumes about the quality of public safety in this region of the state. Please keep the victims of this violent incident in your thoughts and prayers."

This incident is pending further investigation. Anyone with information should contact Detective Weston Gresham at 309-434-2570 or [Wgresham@cityblm.org](mailto:Wgresham@cityblm.org).

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

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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, you can also send anonymous tips via your smartphone by texting the number 847411 and the word "BPDTIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information, or email [CIAU@cityblm.org](mailto: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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