

BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Arrest Made in Person Shot Investigation

Bloomington, IL - On Tuesday, 2/20/24, an arrest warrant was issued for a 15-year-old male. The charges stemmed from his involvement in a shooting, which left one injured, on 02/08/24. The charges listed on the warrant were for Aggravated Battery with a Firearm and Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm.

On Tuesday, 02/27/24, the juvenile was arrested with the assistance of the Normal Police Department. The arrestee was later transported to the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center.

"The Bloomington community has zero tolerance for gun violence. Therefore, the Bloomington Police Department will diligently investigate these crimes with all of the resources we have on hand to hold perpetrators accountable," said Chief Jamal Simington. "It remains concerning that some of our youth choose to use violence to resolve conflict instead of an alternative means. I am elated that our Detectives have the resolve, commitment, and talent to investigate and arrest violent actors. I applaud the excellent work of our detectives and law enforcement partners who assisted us."

All suspects are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in the court of law.

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Person Shot

Bloomington, IL - On Thursday, 2/08/24, at approximately 3:43 p.m., Bloomington police officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of West Market Street, for a report of shots fired. Officers arrived a short time later and began their investigation. The victim, a 17-year-old male, was located with apparent gunshot wounds to his legs. Officers provided medical intervention. Paramedics with the Bloomington Fire Department assumed patient care and transported the victim to an area hospital.

The injuries are not believed to be life threatening.

Chief Jamal Simington stated, "BPD detectives are diligently working to investigate this matter. It is fortunate a life was not lost in this incident."

The circumstances behind this incident are still pending investigation by the Bloomington Police Department. Anyone with information should contact Detective Kevin Raisbeck at 309-434-2593 or Kraisbeck@cityblm.org.

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If you wish to submit a crime tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at 309-434-2963 or email CIAU@cityblm.org. You can also text the number 847411 by texting the word "BPDTIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information.

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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