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Armed Subject Arrest

Bloomington, IL - On Tuesday, 05/14/24, at approximately 7:45 a.m., Bloomington police officers were dispatched to Aberdeen Way, for a report of an armed subject. The subject was confronted while attempting to enter a vehicle which did not belong to him. The subject responded by brandishing a firearm and walking from the area.

Officers responded to the scene and observed the suspect leaving the area. He saw the responding officer and began to flee the area by running away. The officer ordered the suspect to stop and engaged in a foot pursuit. During the foot pursuit, the suspect was seen attempting to remove a firearm from under his clothing. The suspect was apprehended and no longer in possession of the firearm.

A McLean County K9 Unit was requested to the scene to assist in locating the discarded firearm. The K9 Unit located the loaded firearm along the flight path the suspect had taken.

Arrested:

Mohamed Thiam, male, 22, of Bloomington

- Aggravated unlawful use of a weapon / carries loaded weapon on person
- Unlawful use of a weapon / felon in possession (2 counts)
- Possession of a firearm / not eligible
- Possession of an assault weapon
- Burglary without causing damage

Chief Jamal Simington stated, "The men and women of the Bloomington Police Department continue to strive to maintain a safe community. Safety is enhanced locally when those who illegally possess or use weapons are arrested. We are working harder than ever with the community to quell gun violence."

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

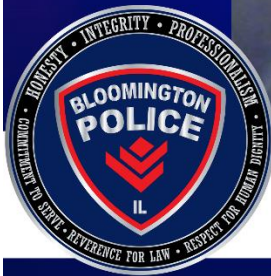
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