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Armed Robbery Arrests

Bloomington, IL - On Saturday, 11/18/23, at approximately 3:53 p.m., Bloomington police officers were dispatched to an apartment on Oakbrook Court, for a report of a home invasion. Two suspects had entered a residence while armed with firearms. The suspects used the weapons to batter the victim inside the apartment. The suspects fled the scene after robbing the victim of cash and property.

Paramedics with the Bloomington Fire Department transported the victim to the hospital with significant, but non-life-threatening, injuries.

A handgun used in the crime was recovered during the investigation.

On, Wednesday, 05/15/24, after an investigation by patrol officers and the Bloomington Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division (CID), three suspects were indicted on charges related to this incident. One suspect, Andrew McConnaughay, was already in custody on unrelated charges. The other two suspects, Scott James and Brittany Wells, were arrested without incident.

All three suspects remain in custody at the McLean County Detention Facility on pre-trial detention.

Arrested:

Andrew J. McConnaughay, male, 28, of Hudson

- Armed Robbery / Armed with Firearm
- Felon possession of weapon/ 2nd
- Robbery
- Aggravated Battery/ Great Bodily Harm
- Mob Action

Scott P. James, male, 30, of Bloomington

- Armed Robbery / Armed with Firearm
- Unlawful Use of Weapon
- Robbery
- Aggravated Battery/ Great Bodily Harm
- Mob Action

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Brittany A. Wells, female, 29, of Bloomington

- Armed Robbery
- Robbery
- Aggravated Battery/ Great Bodily Harm

Chief Jamal Simington stated, "Hats off to our detectives who continue working diligently to reduce crime and the fear of crime in the city of Bloomington. Our efforts to work with our community members to solve violent crime continues and I am appreciative of the collaboration of our community."

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

The graphic features a dark blue background with a red border at the top and bottom. At the top center, the word "Arrested" is written in a large, white, serif font. Below this, three mugshot photos are arranged horizontally. The first photo on the left shows a man with a goatee and a large neck tattoo, smiling. A small white asterisk is in the top-left corner of this photo. The middle photo shows a man with a short beard and mustache, looking neutral. The right photo shows a woman with long dark hair, looking serious. Below each photo is a white box containing the name of the individual in a bold, black, serif font. At the bottom center is the Bloomington Police Department seal, which is circular with a red and white shield in the center. The seal contains the text "BLOOMINGTON POLICE" and "IL" in the center, and "COMMITMENT TO SERVICE • INTEGRITY • PROFESSIONALISM" around the top edge, and "REVERENCE FOR LAW • RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY" around the bottom edge. In the bottom-left corner of the graphic, there is a white text box with a black border containing the following text: "* Booking photo was not taken after this arrest. Image is from 11/21/23."

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The tip line is not monitored 24/7. 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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