



# BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## *Shots Fired Arrest*

Bloomington, IL - On Thursday, 9/05/24, at approximately 3:15 p.m., Bloomington police officers were dispatched to the area of Washington Street and Howard Street. Several callers reported hearing gunshots in the area. Patrol officers arrived on scene and located evidence of a shots fired incident occurring near the roadway.

There were no reported injuries as a result of this incident, but property damage did occur.

The investigation led officers to a nearby apartment building. An arrest of a sixteen-year-old male was made when he was found to be in possession of an unserialized handgun, also known as a "ghost gun." Further investigation led to the arrest of a fifteen-year-old male and the discovery of a second handgun.

### Arrested:

#### Sixteen-year-old male

- Aggravated unlawful use of a weapon / under 21

#### Fifteen-year-old male

- Aggravated unlawful use of a weapon / under 21
- Reckless discharge of a firearm

The arrestees were later transported to the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center.

Patrol officers collaborated with detectives from the Criminal Investigations Division, officers from the Street Crimes and Canine Units, and drone operators from the BPD Drone Program.

"The quick and deliberate response of our brave officers resulted in quick arrests and illegal gun seizures. I thank the public for notifying the police department immediately and providing critical information for our adequate response. I am grateful no one was injured during this incident," stated Chief Jamal Simington.

"The community partnership is appreciated and sends a strong message that our residents will not tolerate violence and the safety of our community is at the forefront. A job very well done by everyone involved."

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The circumstances behind this incident are still pending investigation by the Bloomington Police Department. Anyone with additional information should contact Detective Jake Law at 309-434-2527 or [Jlaw@cityblm.org](mailto:Jlaw@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 crime tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at 309-434-2963 or email [CIAU@cityblm.org](mailto:CIAU@cityblm.org). You can also text the number 847411 by texting the word "BPDTIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information.

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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