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Man Arrested Following Grooming Investigation in Bloomington

Bloomington, IL - On Tuesday, January 20, 2026, Xavier McSwain was arrested on one count of grooming following an investigation by the Bloomington Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division.

The investigation began in June 2025 when a community member reported becoming aware of several messages allegedly sent by McSwain to a juvenile. The messages were reported to be sexual in nature.

Detectives worked closely with the Children's Advocacy Center to conduct a thorough interview with the victim and provide support services. The investigation led to McSwain being indicted by a McLean County Grand Jury on December 31, 2025.

A warrant was subsequently issued for McSwain's arrest. McSwain was arrested by the McLean County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday.

ARRESTED: Xavier T.J. McSwain, 30, of Hammond, IN (previously of Bloomington, IL).
• Grooming (Class 4 felony)

Pre-trial detention was denied, and McSwain was released from custody pending further court proceedings. His next court appearance is scheduled for March 23, 2026.

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

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Detective Weston Gresham at 309-434-2570 or wgresham@cityblm.org.



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Crime Tips

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 "BPD TIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information.

The tip line is not monitored 24/7. The CIAU office is staffed from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

Career Opportunities

The Bloomington Police Department is currently hiring for the entry-level officer position. Individuals interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement are encouraged to apply and join our team in serving and protecting the community. For more information, visit join-bpd.com, email knowers@cityblm.org, or call 309-261-6018.

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