



# BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## *Two Juveniles Arrested on Firearm-Related Charges*

Bloomington, IL - On Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 10:52 p.m., two local juveniles were arrested while in possession of handguns.

The Bloomington Police Department's Street Crimes Unit and K9 Unit were investigating a 17-year-old with an active McLean County arrest warrant. Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle occupied by the juvenile in the 700 block of West College Avenue in Normal.

The wanted juvenile was arrested without incident and was found to be in possession of a loaded handgun. A second juvenile occupant of the vehicle was found to be in possession of cannabis. A subsequent search of the vehicle resulted in the recovery of a second loaded handgun.

Both juveniles were arrested and transported to the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center. Due to the age of the arrestees, names are not being released.

### Arrested:

#### 17-year-old, male, of Bloomington

- Warrant - Alleged to be a Delinquent Minor
- Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon (Under 21 years of age)
- Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon (Vehicle / Loaded)
- Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon (No FOID / CCL)

#### 17-year-old, male, of Le Roy

- Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon (Under 21 years of age)
- Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon (Vehicle / Loaded)
- Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon (No FOID / CCL)
- Possession of Adult Use Cannabis in Motor Vehicle (Passenger)

Chief Jamal Simington stated, "The courageous and diligent investigative work of our skilled police officers enhances livability and safety in our city. I applaud their purposeful work."

All suspects are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in the court of law. This incident remains under investigation by the Bloomington Police Department.

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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 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.

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