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Bloomington Police Investigate Second Armed Robbery on North Main Street

Bloomington, IL - On Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 8:52 p.m., Bloomington police officers were dispatched to a business in the 1100 block of North Main Street for an armed robbery.

It was reported that the suspect brandished a handgun and demanded money from staff at the business. The suspect took an undisclosed amount of cash before fleeing the scene on foot.

This incident is the second armed robbery reported in Bloomington within the past week. The previous incident occurred on Monday, at 9:57 p.m. at a business located in the 900 block of North Main Street. These incidents are related.

The suspect in both incidents is described as a Black male, between 20 and 30 years of age, approximately 5 feet 8 inches tall, with a slight to medium build.

The suspect wore the same clothing in both incidents, with the most recent incident including the addition of sunglasses and different socks. The clothing is described as follows:

- Black mask pulled to the bridge of his nose
- Black long sleeve top with bleached stains
- Gray hood pulled over the head
- Tan pants with a distinct logo on the upper left thigh
- Lightly colored slide-style footwear with socks
- White gloves

No injuries were reported as a result of this incident.

Investigators are releasing photographs of the suspect and are requesting the public's assistance in identifying the individual. Residents and business owners in the area are encouraged to review surveillance footage around the times of these incidents for any suspicious activity that may be related.

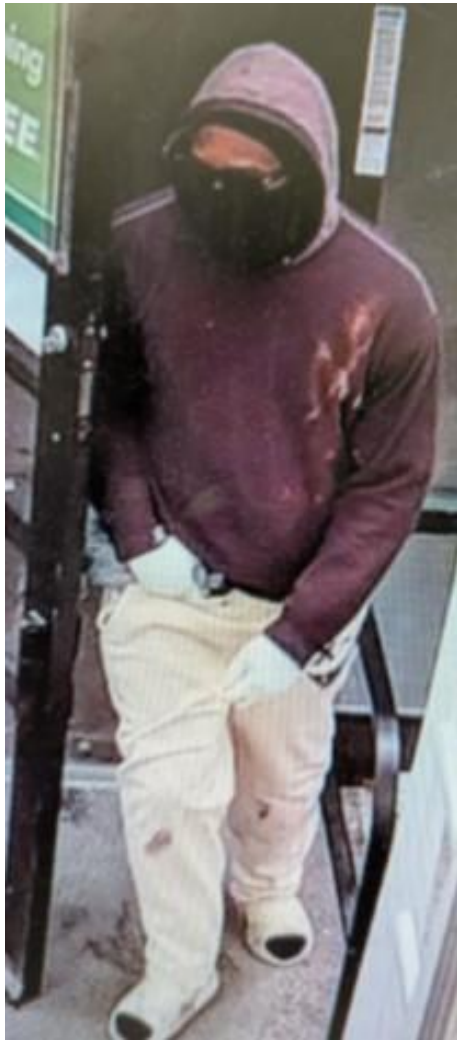
Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to contact Detective John Gaffney at 309-434-2672 or Jgaffney@cityblm.org.



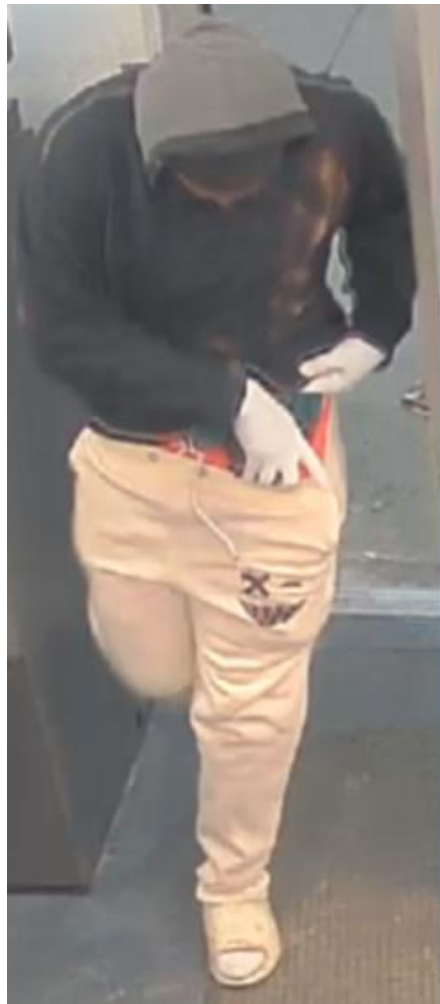
Image of suspect's face from 2/16 incident



Image of suspect's upper body and face from 2/16 incident



Full image of suspect from 2/19 incident



Full image of suspect from 2/16 incident

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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 "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 - 8:00 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. Applications are due on 4/26/26. For more information, visit join-bpd.com, email knowers@cityblm.org, or call 309-261-6018.

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