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Two Arrests Made in Shooting Investigation

Bloomington, IL - On Tuesday, February 24, 2026, after an investigation by the Bloomington Police Department Criminal Investigations Division, two men were arrested in connection with a shooting that occurred the previous night in the 400 block of West Graham Street.

The Criminal Investigations Division continued their investigation, which led them to an apartment building in the area of Ft. Jesse Road and Greenbriar Drive in Normal.

One suspect was observed leaving the apartment building in a vehicle. The Bloomington Police Department Street Crimes Unit conducted a traffic stop and arrested Daejon Johnson without incident.

The second suspect remained in the apartment building. The SWAT Team and Crisis Negotiation Unit made contact with the suspect and facilitated the arrest. Ladarius Smith was arrested without incident.

Arrested:

Daejon T. Johnson, male, 24, of Normal, IL

- Aggravated battery / discharge firearm
- Felon Possess Weapon / 2nd+
- Aggravated discharge of a firearm/ vehicle / school

Ladarius D. Smith, male, 22, of Normal, IL

- Aggravated battery / use deadly weapon
- Aggravated discharge of a firearm/ occupied building
- Unlawful use of weapons / carry / possess firearm / 1st

Both arrestees were taken to the McLean County Detention Facility. They are scheduled to appear in court later today for a pretrial detention hearing. All suspects are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in the court of law.

"Gun violence raises tremendous fear for residents who desire to live in peace and safety. These are freedoms everyone should enjoy, and when they are jeopardized, it rattles a community. The men and women of our agency take these crimes very seriously and they worked intently to investigate the shooting, which led to the quick identification and arrest of those who were responsible," stated Chief Jamal Simington. "Time after time, our community members have expressed that they will not tolerate disruptors of peace. When we are called upon, BPD will work together to solve these crimes and protect the quality of life for our residents."

The incident remains under investigation by the Bloomington Police Department. Anyone with information should contact Detective Logan Fosdick at 309-434-2494 or Lfosdick@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 "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.

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Man Injured in Monday Night Shooting

Bloomington, IL - On Monday, February 23, 2026, at 10:46 p.m., Bloomington police officers were dispatched to the 400 block of West Graham Street after a caller reported hearing shots fired in the area.

Upon arrival, officers located an adult male at the scene with a gunshot wound. He was transported to a local hospital. The injury is not believed to be life-threatening injury.

Property damage to nearby homes was also sustained as a result of the gunfire.

The Bloomington Police Department Crime Scene Unit and Criminal Investigations Division responded to assist with the investigation.

Evidence at the scene indicates the shooting occurred outdoors. No arrests have been made at this time.

Chief Jamal Simington stated, "We are looking to the neighborhood members and others to share information and aid detectives in solving this shooting. No matter how small, please do not hesitate to share what you know so we can bring the offender to justice and improve safety in our city. We are in this together, and violence will not be tolerated."

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