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Robbery Arrest

Bloomington, IL - On Sunday**,** 11/7/2021, at approximately 8:45 p.m., Bloomington Police officers were dispatched to a restaurant in the 1800 block of S. Veterans Pkwy for an armed subject. It was reported that the suspect had walked up to the drive through window, began demanding food, pulled out a firearm, pointed it at the victims, and started yelling more demands. Ultimately, the suspect fled on foot without obtaining any property or items of value from the business.

While officers were responding, they located the suspect, Joel A. Perez, 31, of Peoria Heights, Illinois, hiding behind a business on Currency Dr. Perez was taken into custody without incident. Officers seized a look-alike gun during the arrest.

Perez was transported to the McLean County Jail for arrest offenses related to the attempted robbery. At the time of this release, no mugshot is available, no bond information is available.

All suspect(s) are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in in the court of law.

Anyone with information should contact BPD Officer Jeff Widmer at JWidmer@cityblm.org.

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If you wish to submit a tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at (309)-434-2963 or email CIAU@cityblm.org. 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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