



# BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## ***1st Degree Murder Warrant Arrest***

**Bloomington, IL** - On Monday, 11/28/2022, at approximately 2:10 p.m., two members of the Bloomington Police Street Crimes Unit (SCU), were alerted of two suspicious vehicles in Target's parking lot. BPD SCU went to assist the Normal Police Department. One of the vehicles had tape covering its license plate.

Normal Police ran the registration and learned the vehicle was recently utilized during a recent armed robbery in Champaign. A short time later, one of the subjects started walking towards the vehicle, but observed officers nearby. This subject looked at officers before quickly changing directions. The subject quickly began running from the scene.

BPD SCU officers gave chase and ultimately caught the suspect, a juvenile male, who was placed in custody. BPD's SCU then spoke with Champaign's Police Department. During this conversation, it was determined the juvenile suspect had an active warrant for First Degree Murder in Champaign.

As this was occurring, another male later identified as Charnell Brown, fled the store. Charnell was chased by members of NPD and BPD's SCU. Charnell was caught after a short foot pursuit and brief altercation. No injuries were sustained during the altercation. NPD later arrested Ashley Wells who was also in the store.

Subject arrested by BPD: Juvenile from Champaign, IL: FIRST DEGREE MURDER WARRANT FROM CHAMPAIGN, IL.

Subjects arrested by Normal PD:

Ashley M. Wells, 35, from Champaign, IL: FELONY RETAIL THEFT, OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE AND MULTIPLE FELONY WARRANTS FROM MULTIPLE COUNTIES.

Charnell Brown, 40, from Champaign, IL: RESISTING ARREST, OBSTRUCTING IDENTIFICATION

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The circumstances behind this incident are still pending investigation. Anyone with information should contact BPD's Dispatch Center at 309-820-8888.

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