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Shots Fired Arrest

Bloomington, IL - On Thursday, 07/25/24, at approximately 2:28 p.m., Bloomington police officers were dispatched to the 2000 block of South Morris Avenue. Several callers reported hearing gunshots in the area. Patrol officers arrived on scene and located evidence of a shots fired incident occurring near the roadway.

There have been no reported injuries or property damage at this time.

The investigation led officers to a nearby apartment. The apartment was occupied, but subjects inside would not respond from within or comply with officers' commands to exit. A search warrant was obtained for the residence. The Bloomington Police Department SWAT Team and Crisis Negotiation Unit were called to assist. Subjects within the apartment eventually complied and emerged from the apartment. Four handguns were located and collected as evidence. Two subjects were arrested as a result of their involvement in this incident.

Arrested:

Lashawn McDonald, male, 25, of El Paso

- Aggravated unlawful use of a weapon / felon in possession of a firearm
- Aggravated discharge of a firearm

Damarion Andrews, Male, 21, of Dolton

- Aggravated unlawful use of a weapon / felon in possession of a firearm (two counts)
- Cook County warrant for aggravated unlawful use of a weapon

"The residents repeatedly remind this community that violence will not be tolerated. The 'see something, say something' mindset of our residents allowed the Bloomington Police Department to act swiftly to the report of gun shots being fired, which could have significantly harmed someone," stated Chief Jamal Simington. "The actions of our officers were diligent, heroic, and applaudable. These efforts allowed those alleged to have been involved in illegal gun crimes to be brought to justice. Our community is safer for it."

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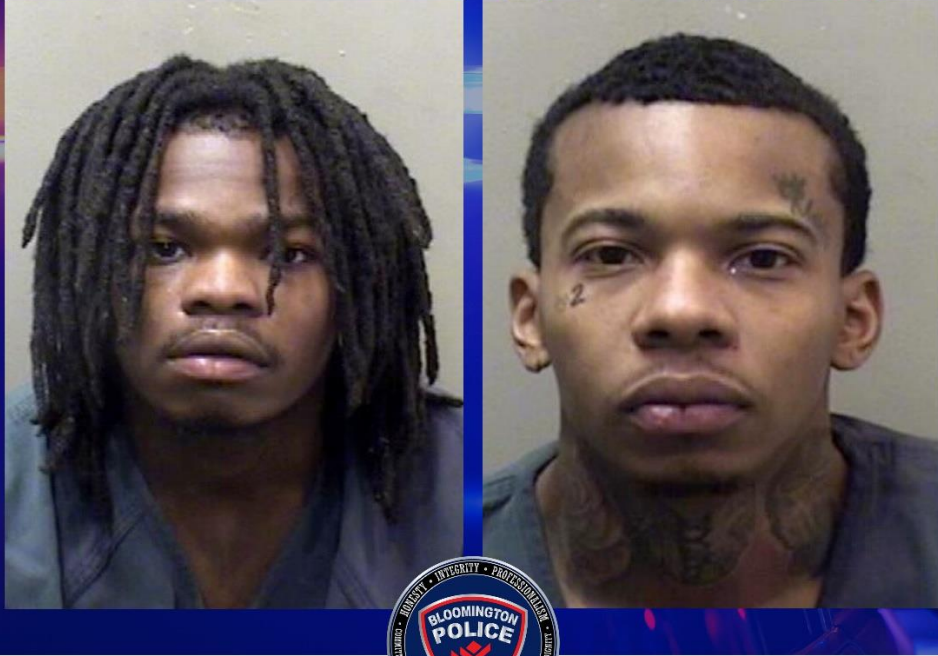
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The circumstances behind this incident are still pending investigation by the Bloomington Police Department. Anyone with information should contact Detective Jake Law at 309-434-2527 or Jlaw@cityblm.org.

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

Arrested



The image displays two mugshots side-by-side. The mugshot on the left is of Lashawn T. McDonald, a Black man with long, dark dreadlocks. The mugshot on the right is of Damarion A. Andrews, a Black man with short, dark hair and a visible tattoo on his left cheek. Both individuals are wearing blue shirts. Below the mugshots is the Bloomington Police Department logo, which is circular and features the text 'BLOOMINGTON POLICE' and 'IL'.

Lashawn T. McDonald **Damarion A. Andrews**

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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. 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 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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