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Person Shot

Bloomington, IL - On Monday, 1/13/25, at approximately 5:20 p.m., Bloomington police officers were dispatched to the 300 block of Riley Drive, for a report of shots fired. Officers arrived a short time later and began their investigation.

The victim, a 31-year-old male, was located with an apparent gunshot wound. The victim received care at an area hospital. The injuries are not believed to be life threatening.

The Bloomington Police Department Crime Scene Unit and Criminal Investigations Division responded for further investigation.

A search warrant was obtained for a nearby apartment.

During the investigation, eight firearms and drug evidence were located and collected as evidence. One subject has been arrested as a result of this ongoing investigation.

Arrested:

Cheonte Hinkle, 29, of Bloomington

- Aggravated unlawful use of a weapon / felon in possession of a firearm
- Manufacture / delivery of cannabis (500-2000 grams)
- Possession of a controlled substance

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

"We are grateful this incident did not result in a loss of life and was isolated. The officers and detectives continue to work diligently to hold the parties accountable for the alleged criminal conduct," stated Chief Jamal Simington. "Our communities thrive and livability increases when our city is safe. Thanks to all the community members who are committed to helping us maintain a safe environment and neighborhoods."

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The circumstances behind this incident are still pending investigation by the Bloomington Police Department. Anyone with information should contact Detective Ryan Strebing at 309-434-2537 or Rstrebing@cityblm.org.



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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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