



# BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## *Fire at Apartment Complex Results in the Arrest of a Bloomington Man*

Bloomington, IL - On Wednesday, 6/11/25, at 11:20 p.m., Bloomington police officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of Four Seasons Road in a response to a structure fire at an apartment building. The Bloomington Fire Department was already on the scene and requested police assistance with a potential arson investigation.

The Bloomington Emergency Communications Center received the initial report shortly after 11:00 p.m., when a commercial fire alarm was triggered due to smoke in the building. Fire personnel responded quickly and confirmed the fire had been extinguished by an occupant within ten minutes of receiving the call.

Preliminary evidence indicated the fire was intentionally set. Arson investigators from both the Bloomington Fire and Police Departments were called to the scene to conduct a joint investigation.

As a result of the investigation, a 45-year-old Bloomington man was taken into custody.

There were no reported injuries caused by the fire. However, property damage to the building is estimated to exceed \$1,000.

Arrested: Tavarus C. Murray, male, 45, of Bloomington, IL

- Aggravated arson / knowing people present
- Residential arson
- Criminal damage to property \$500-10k

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Murray remains in custody at the McLean County Detention Facility. All suspects are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Chief Jamal Simington stated, "Our community and department are grateful there was no loss of life or injuries as a result of this felonious conduct. I am thankful for the Bloomington Fire and Police Departments professionalism and collaboration during this arson investigation."

The circumstances behind this incident are still pending investigation by the Bloomington Police Department. Anyone with information should contact Detective Kevin Raisbeck at 309-434-2593 or [Kraisbeck@cityblm.org](mailto:Kraisbeck@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](mailto: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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