



MEDIA RELEASE



Bloomington Police Department & McLean County Coroner's Office

For Immediate Release: August 23, 2025

Intentional Homicide of an Unborn Child

Bloomington, IL - An adult male has been arrested for unlawfully administering abortion-inducing medication without the mother's consent, resulting in the death of her unborn child.

On Friday, August 22, 2025, at approximately 7:00 p.m., the Bloomington Police Department and Bloomington Fire Department were dispatched to a residence in Bloomington, for a pregnant person having a medical emergency. The investigation revealed a suspect administered abortion inducing drugs to the victim without her knowledge or consent. After this occurred, the victim began experiencing medical complications and suffered a miscarriage, resulting in the loss of her pregnancy.

The McLean County Coroner's Office also responded to the scene and is assisting with the investigation. The cause of death remains pending further examination and testing.

The suspect was located by detectives and arrested. He remains in custody at the McLean County Detention Facility.

ARRESTED: Emerson Evans, 31, of Normal Illinois

- Intentional Homicide of an Unborn Child (2 counts)

"We are again saddened by the alleged criminal actions which resulted in harm to others. It is my hope the mother involved in the matter fully recovers and has the resources and support of this strong community in the future," stated Chief Jamal Simington. "The officers and detectives worked diligently and honorably through this very tough investigation."

Out of respect for the privacy of the victim, no further information will be released at this time.

The circumstances behind this incident are still pending investigation by the McLean County Coroner's Office and the Bloomington Police Department. Anyone with information should contact Detective Brock Merritt at 309-434-2359 or bmerritt@cityblm.org.

All suspects are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in the court of law.

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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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