



# BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## *Shots Fired Arrest*

Bloomington, IL - On Saturday, September 20, at approximately 10:40 p.m., Bloomington police officers were dispatched to the 700 block of East Jefferson Street. Several people reported hearing gunshots in the area.

Patrol officers arrived on scene and located spent shell casings outside of a residence. There were no reported injuries or property damage as a result of this incident.

While canvassing the area, officers observed a subject walking in the vicinity who matched the suspect description provided by several witnesses. Further investigation led to the 45-year-old male being taken into custody. He was later transported to the McLean County Detention Facility.

### Arrested:

Lorenzo L. Aken, 45, male, of Bloomington, IL

- Possession of a weapon/ previously convicted of a forcible felony (2 counts)
- Aggravated unlawful possession of a weapon/ vehicle / previous conviction
- Reckless discharge of a firearm / endangers (2 counts)



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

Chief Jamal Simington stated, "We are thankful for the community members who reported this incident, allowing our officers to respond appropriately and make an arrest. We are glad the shooting did not result in the loss of a life or damage."

Anyone with additional information should contact Detective Brock Merritt at 309-434-2359 or [Bmerritt@cityblm.org](mailto:Bmerritt@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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