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13-Year-Olds Arrested Following Early Morning Shots Fired Incident

Bloomington, IL - On Saturday, September 27, at approximately 2:30 a.m., Bloomington police officers, while on patrol, heard the sound of gunfire. Officers immediately began saturating the area in an attempt to locate a victim or suspect.

While canvassing the area, an officer observed several subjects in an alleyway off the 1000 block of North Prairie Street. One of the subjects was seen pointing a gun into the air and firing an additional shot. Upon seeing the officer's squad car, the subjects fled the area.

Several officers from the Bloomington Police Department, Normal Police Department, and a McLean County Deputy responded and pursued the suspects on foot. Two suspects were apprehended. One of the arrestees was found to have a loaded handgun concealed on his person.

Arrested:

Two 13-year-old males

- Reckless Discharge of a Firearm
- Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon
- Resisting a Peace Officer
- Possession of a Firearm Without a FOID

Both arrestees were taken to the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center. All suspects are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in the court of law.

There were no reported injuries or property damage as a result of this incident.

Chief Jamal Simington stated, *"I am grateful for the officers in our community who run towards danger and take the position that violence will not be tolerated. Their courage demonstrates our commitment to enhancing livability in this community by addressing violence appropriately. I applaud their work, which is very encouraging and inspiring."*

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact the Bloomington Police Department at 309-820-8888.

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