



# BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## *Crash with Serious Injuries*

Bloomington, IL - On Monday, October 20, 2025, at 7:20 p.m., Bloomington Police officers responded to a store in the 1600 block of East Empire Street for a report of retail theft in progress. Officers learned that multiple suspects were fleeing the scene in a vehicle after stealing merchandise.

Officers approaching the scene observed the suspect vehicle turning westbound onto East Empire Street. Officers activated their emergency lights and attempted a traffic stop. The driver refused to stop and fled recklessly from the area.

Out of concern for public safety, officers did not pursue the fleeing vehicle and turned off their emergency lights. The suspect vehicle continued westbound, weaving around other vehicles.

At the intersection of Empire Street and Clinton Street, the suspect vehicle ran a red light and collided with a vehicle traveling southbound. Officers arrived on scene shortly after the crash, and paramedics were dispatched to assist. Upon arrival, Bloomington Fire Department personnel began extricating occupants and providing medical aid to the injured parties.

The sole occupant of the vehicle previously traveling southbound, an adult male, was transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries. He is currently listed in stable condition.

Four occupants of the vehicle previously fleeing the scene were transported to local hospitals for injuries sustained in the crash. Their injuries are not considered to be life-threatening. The driver and two occupants were arrested after being released from the hospital.

### Arrested:

17-year-old male, of Peoria, IL:

- Reckless driving
- Aggravated fleeing/attempting to elude a peace officer
- Operating a vehicle with no valid license
- Burglary
- Several Additional Traffic Citations

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Tariyah Mack, 18-year-old female, of Peoria, IL

- Retail theft greater than \$300

Takiyra Rutherford, 19-year-old female, of Peoria, IL

- Retail theft greater than \$300

Due to the severity of the crash, the McLean County Accident Reconstruction Team was called to assist with the investigation.

This incident remains under investigation by the Bloomington Police Department and McLean County Accident Reconstruction Team. Anyone with information should contact Detective Logan Fosdick at 309-434-2494 or [Lfosdick@cityblm.org](mailto:Lfosdick@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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