



# BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## *Armed Robbery*

Bloomington, IL - On Monday, February 16, 2026, at 9:57 p.m., Bloomington police officers were dispatched to a business in the 900 block of North Main Street for an armed robbery.

It was reported that the suspect brandished a handgun and demanded money from the cashier. The suspect took an undisclosed amount of cash before fleeing the scene on foot, last seen traveling southbound on Center Street.

The suspect is described as a Black male, between 20 and 30 years of age, approximately 5 feet 8 inches tall, with a slight to medium build.

No injuries were reported as a result of this incident.

Residents and business owners in the area are encouraged to review surveillance footage around this time frame for any suspicious activity that may be related to this incident.

Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to contact Detective John Gaffney at 309-434-2672 or [Jgaffney@cityblm.org](mailto:Jgaffney@cityblm.org).

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## Crime Tips

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 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

## Career Opportunities

The Bloomington Police Department is currently hiring for the entry-level officer position. Individuals interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement are encouraged to apply and join our team in serving and protecting the community. Applications are due on 4/26/26. For more information, visit [join-bpd.com](http://join-bpd.com), email [knowers@cityblm.org](mailto:knowers@cityblm.org), or call 309-261-6018.

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