DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

Gene Lowery, Chief of Police

COMMUNITY ALERT

Downtown Robbery / Theft from Person

Over the past 12 hours the DeKalb Police Department has investigated the report of one robbery and one theft from person. The robbery occurred last night, at approximately 11:30PM, in the 600 block of S. 1st Street. The theft from person occurred today, at approximately 11:30AM, in the 100 block of S. 3rd Street. The crimes are potentially linked to one another. At this time the suspect(s) have not been apprehended. The investigations into these crimes are ongoing. The suspect is described as a black male, medium build, about 5'08" in height, short black hair. In today's incident the suspect was wearing a red t-shirt and black shorts.

The DeKalb Police Department Recommends the Following Safety Tips to Citizens:

*Always be aware of your surroundings
*Walk with another person or in a group (not alone)
*Walk on well-lit, busy streets – Do Not Take Short Cuts
*Let someone know where you are going and when you will return
*If approached, obtain a physical description of the suspect(s)
*If a vehicle is involved, try and obtain the license plate number

The DeKalb Police Department investigators are currently following up on leads. Please report any suspicious activity or persons immediately to the DeKalb Police Department.

If you have information on any of these crimes you can contact the DeKalb Police Department at 815-748-8400, send a text to ALERT DeKalb at 67283, type "ALERTDEKALB" in the message and add your tip information. You can also contact Crime Stoppers at 815-895-3272. You do not have to provide your name, you can remain anonymous.

The contents of this press release are based upon the best information available to the DeKalb Police Department. The statements regarding the conduct of any person identified above are allegations until affirmatively proven in Court. All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

PLEASE REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY