

**For Immediate Release**

**September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

**Statement from Interim Police Chief John Petragallo**

On Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the DeKalb Police Department arrested Elonte McDowell after initiating a drug investigation that led to charges of Possession of Cannabis With the Intent to Deliver – a Class 4 Felony. As a result of this arrest, there has been significant public interest in this case and the facts that surround this arrest. The DeKalb Police Department believes it is important to be transparent with our community to best preserve the public trust. With this in mind, the DeKalb Police Department is releasing in-car video camera footage from this incident. A total of five in-car video cameras were activated during this incident; four from DeKalb Police vehicles and one from a DeKalb County Sheriff's vehicle. A compilation of these videos is being provided to the public for contextual purposes and can be accessed by the link below. A review of this incident is being conducted by the Illinois State Police.

Video link: [https://youtu.be/S-w-NN\\_RChc](https://youtu.be/S-w-NN_RChc)