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On 5/31/2020, a group of citizens gathered at the DeKalb Police Department to demonstrate against police brutality. The demonstrators walked to Annie Glidden Rd and Hillcrest Dr and ended without issue. DeKalb Police Officers and Northern Illinois University Police Officers directed traffic and helped facilitate the walk.

As the walk ended, a crowd of people gathered in the same area. Multiple subjects began breaking into businesses and stealing items. This behavior continued until more police officers arrived and eventually gained control of the area. Additional burglaries were attempted throughout DeKalb and multiple arrests were made related to the crimes. Investigators are reviewing multiple sources of intelligence including surveillance video and have identified additional suspects. All of these crimes are still under investigation and additional arrests are expected. We recognize the professionalism and perseverance of the officers involved in these incidents.

Please see below for a list of the related arrests:

Name	Age	Charge(s)	Address
Stewart, Mickeya I	25	Burglary	800 Ridge Dr, DeKalb
Bogacki, Breanna	25	Agg. Battery, Resisting Arrest	800 Russell Rd, DeKalb IL
Mitchell, Thomas C	35	Arson	800 Jefferson Ave, Elgin IL
Harris, Denzel L	27	Arson	1500 Spaulding Ave, Chicago IL
Edwards, Vernon	18	Burglary (2 counts)	1000 W Hillcrest Ave, DeKalb IL
Miller, Donnell	26	Burglary	900 Ridge Dr, DeKalb IL
Hall, Marcus	25	Burglary, Resisting Arrest	900 Ridge Dr, Dekalb IL
Kizer, Kanesha L	22	Burglary	800 Ridge Dr, DeKalb IL

State's Attorney Rick Amato's office is working the DeKalb Police Department to ensure that the offenders are held responsible for their actions. Amato added that "Our office along with our law enforcement agencies respect and embrace the rights of our community to protest. We ask that our community gather in peace. Violence by anyone cannot be tolerated."

Officers from the Northern Illinois University Police Department, DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, and Sycamore Police Department assisted in the response.