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## DeKalb Police make arrests in early morning armed robbery

On Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:50 am, a DeKalb Police officer was flagged down by the victim of a reported armed robbery. The victim reported that two males displayed a handgun during the robbery. The victim provided a description of the offenders and their vehicle.

DeKalb Police located the offending vehicle and attempted to stop the vehicle. The offending vehicle did not stop, and a pursuit ensued. The offending vehicle left DeKalb and traveled east on I-88 while being pursued by DeKalb Police. The offending vehicle then exited I-88 and entered Aurora. The pursuit continued in Aurora before the offending vehicle stopped on Farnsworth Avenue. The offenders were taken into custody without incident. A handgun that was previously reported stolen was recovered from the vehicle. The Aurora Police Department and Kane County Sheriff's Office assisted with the stop. Neighboring police agencies were notified of the pursuit

Subsequent to an investigation, the DeKalb Police Department has charged Ricardo Gales and Jalonnie Roberts with Armed Robbery – Firearm, Unlawful Use of Weapon by a Felon – Firearm, and Possession of Stolen Firearm. Additionally, Jalonnie Roberts was charged with Aggravated Fleeing / Eluding.

Gales and Roberts are being held at the DeKalb County lail pending a bond hearing.

DeKalb Police officers should be commended for successful resolving a high-risk incident.

Offender: Ricardo T. Gales

M/B 22 years of age

Justice, IL

Offender: Jalonnie D. Roberts

M/B 26 years of age

Chicago, IL

Contact: Commander Steve Lekkas

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