

DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Attempt Murder

On August 2, 2024, the DeKalb Police Department responded to 706 Annie Glidden Rd., DeKalb, IL., for a call of a person stabbed. Officers arrived on scene and located a male victim, who had a laceration to his chest and was bleeding. The victim was transported to an area hospital for emergency medical care, and it was determined that the victim sustained a life-threatening injury to his lung. A witness stated that the victim and the offender engaged in a verbal altercation, which subsequently turned into a physical altercation and the victim was stabbed. The witness stated that the altercation began when the offender nearly struck the victim with his vehicle as he pulled out of the parking lot. The witness identified the offender (Romal Jenkins) from a photo lineup, and the DeKalb Police Department obtained an arrest warrant for Jenkins for Attempt Murder, Aggravated Battery, and Criminal Trespass to Real Property.

On August 19, 2024, the DeKalb Police Department arrested **Romal Jenkins** without incident, and turned him over to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department to await criminal proceedings.

Defendant: Romal P. Jenkins M/B/45 YOA DeKalb, Illinois

Charges:

- Attempt (First Degree Murder) - Class X Felony
- Aggravated Battery (Great Bodily Harm) – Class 3 Felony
- Aggravated Battery (Deadly weapon) – Class 3 Felony
- Criminal Trespass to Real Property – Class B Misdemeanor

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****All persons are presumed innocent in a court of law until proven guilty****

If you witnessed this incident or have any information that can help with this investigation, please contact the DeKalb Police Department.