

DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Attempt Murder

On September 13, 2024, the DeKalb Police Department responded to 130 South 1st Street, DeKalb, IL., for a call of a person stabbed. Officers arrived on scene and located a male victim, who had a laceration to his abdomen and was bleeding. The victim was transported to an area hospital for emergency medical care, and it was determined that the victim needed surgery to mend his injury. A witness stated that the victim and several offenders engaged in a physical altercation, which subsequently led to the victim being stabbed. The witness advised officers that the offender fled in a red vehicle after the stabbing. DeKalb Police Department officers were able to stop the aforementioned red vehicle a few blocks from the crime scene. Officers noticed suspected blood inside of the stopped vehicle and held all occupants for a positive identification by the witness. The witness identified the occupants in the red vehicle as the offenders associated with the stabbing. It was learned that the offender (**Ezequiel Hernandez**) stabbed the victim during the physical altercation.

Hernandez was arrested and charged with Attempted Murder. Hernandez is being held at the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office awaiting criminal court proceedings.

Defendant: Ezequiel Hernandez M/W/28 YOA Kingston, Illinois

Charges:

- Attempt (First Degree Murder) - Class X Felony

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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.