

DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Stabbing Investigation

On Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 12:25 PM, the DeKalb Police Department received a 9-1-1 call from the Brian Bemis Toyota dealership at 1890 Sycamore Road about a patron who had become upset and was brandishing a knife. The individual then attacked employees, with one employee receiving a stab wound to an extremity. Police arrived within five minutes and confronted the individual, who refused to drop the knife and instead advanced. Police then shot the individual, neutralizing the individual and ending the attack.

Officers then rendered first aid to the assailant, who was ultimately flown to a hospital in Rockford for medical care. He is presently reported to be in stable condition and is expected to survive. His identity is not being released at this time, pending further investigation into the incident.

The employee who was stabbed was treated for a non-life-threatening wound and released at the scene.

As standard protocol for an officer-involved shooting, the Illinois State Police will be conducting an independent investigation.

The DeKalb Police Department would like to thank our neighboring law enforcement agencies for assisting in the aftermath of this incident.

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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.