

# DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## **PRESS RELEASE**



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Media Contact – Deputy Chief Jason Leverton

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**UPDATE 10/31/24 at 1 PM**

### **Charges Announced: Stabbing Investigation**

The individual involved in this incident has been identified as Charles M. Tripicchio (Male/White/32 Years of Age) of the 1100 block of Mary Court in DeKalb, IL.

Tripicchio remains in a Rockford hospital in stable condition and he is expected to recover from his injuries. He is in police custody while at the hospital.

The DeKalb County State's Attorney's Office has approved the following charges against Tripicchio:

- Armed Violence, a Class X Felony
- Attempted Armed Robbery, a Class 1 Felony
- Aggravated Battery, a Class 3 Felony
- Criminal Damage to Property, a Class 4 Felony
- Aggravated Assault, 3 counts, a Class A Misdemeanor

A warrant for these charges was issued this afternoon. As soon as Tripicchio is discharged from the hospital, he is scheduled to be transported to the DeKalb County Jail.

At the time of this incident, Tripicchio had been released from the DeKalb County Jail on October 10, 2024, due to pretrial release provisions of the SAFE-T Act for the charges of Domestic Battery, Domestic Battery with Bodily Harm, and Unlawful Restraint following an incident against a family member that occurred at his home on October 9, 2024.

The Illinois State Police continues their investigation as it relates to the use of force used against Tripicchio at the time of the incident.



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**Original Release from 10/23/2024**

### **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 towards the officers. 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.*