

DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Stabbing Investigation

On Saturday 11/2/24 at 12:40 AM, DeKalb Police responded to 829 Greenbrier Road for the report of someone who had been stabbed. Upon arrival, police officers located the victim who had numerous stab wounds to the torso and extremities. She was transported by ambulance to Kishwaukee Hospital and was then flown to a hospital in Rockford, where she remains in critical but stable condition. She is expected to recover from her injuries.

The suspect in this case, Edgar S. Perkins (M/B/44 YOA), voluntarily surrendered himself to a NIU police officer shortly after the incident. Perkins had been married to the victim, but they had been separated for an extended period of time.

Perkins has been charged with the following offenses, and is currently lodged at the DeKalb County Jail:

- Attempted Murder (Class X Felony)
- Aggravated Domestic Battery (Class 2 Felony)
- Aggravated Battery with Deadly Weapon (Class 3 Felony)

More charges are possible against Perkins as police continue to investigate the incident.

While the survivor in this case had no way to know about the impending attack against her, domestic violence appears in many forms and sometimes people feel there is little they can do to improve their situation. Everyone has the right to feel safe in their own home.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence or has reason to fear for their safety, it's important to seek help. Here are some potential resources that are available free of charge:

1. **National Domestic Violence Hotline:** Call 1-800-799-7233 or text "START" to 88788 for confidential support and resources 24/7.
2. **Local Shelters:** Many communities have shelters that provide safe spaces and support services. You can find a local shelter by searching online or contacting local authorities.
3. **Counseling Services:** Many organizations offer counseling and support for survivors of domestic violence. Look for local mental health services or hotlines.

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4. **Legal Assistance:** If you need legal help, local social and public service organizations can connect you with resources in your area.
5. **Support Groups:** Many communities offer support groups where survivors can share their experiences and find solidarity.

It's crucial to remember that you are not alone, and help is available. Many times, the first step is the most difficult, but also the most important.

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please reach out to local organizations or hotlines that specialize in helping those impacted by domestic violence. Your voice matters, and your journey towards peace and safety is worthwhile.

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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.