

DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Shooting

On August 13, 2025, at approximately 11:47 a.m., DeKalb Police Department officers responded to the 100 block of North 10th Street, after receiving numerous 9-1-1 calls of a subject firing a gun at people. Officers arrived at the scene and all the subjects involved had fled the area; however, DeKalb Police Department officers did recover five (5) 9mm ammo casings from the roadway. After a preliminary investigation, officers determined that a person identified as John O. Contreras was observed at the scene of the shooting while riding a bicycle.

On August 14, 2025, members of the DeKalb Police Department and the DeKalb County Special Operations Team (SOT), executed a court authorized search warrant at 118 S. 7th Street (upper unit). John O. Contreras was located in the residence and arrested without incident. John O. Contreras is currently on Parole/Mandatory Supervised Release Custody, and he does not possess a valid Firearm's Owner's Identification Card, nor does he possess a valid Illinois Concealed Carry License.

Offender: John O. Contreras M/W/24 YOA – DeKalb, Illinois

Charges:

Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm-Felony

Unlawful Possession Firearm by Street Gang Member-Felony

Aggravated Unlawful Possession of Firearm No Firearm Owners Identification Card (FOID)-Felony

Aggravated Unlawful Possession of Firearm- No Concealed Carry License (CCL)-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.

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