

Press Release

Gun Violence in the Annie Glidden North Neighborhood

November 3, 2017

Chief Gene Lowery stated, “The DeKalb Police Department has conducted a comprehensive series of investigations into the recent gun violence in our community. From the onset of this gun violence we have worked in collaboration with other law enforcement agencies to gather information and implement proactive strategies to increase the police presence in affected neighborhoods, collect evidence, and arrest the offenders involved. During this extensive effort, the Police Department was assisted by the Illinois State Police, DeKalb County Sheriff’s Office, Northern Illinois University Police Department, Sycamore Police Department, Cortland Police Department, Sandwich Police Department, Aurora Police Department, Malta Police Department, Waterman Police Department, and the DeKalb County State’s Attorney’s Office. Based on our initial investigations and evidence gathered to date we activated the Major Case Squad to facilitate the second phase of operations to bring these offenders to justice.”

One of the recent shootings, which occurred on October 20<sup>th</sup> on Greenbrier Road, had multiple offenders firing gunshots in an area that posed a significant danger to a residential neighborhood. On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the below offenders were arrested in Aurora, IL pursuant to that investigation:

- **Anthony C. Rogers**, 19 years old, Aurora, IL  
CHARGES: Unlawful Use of Weapon, Aggravated Discharge of Firearm, and Mob Action.  
Bond \$250,000 and currently held at the DeKalb County Jail.
- **Francisco Tejada**, 18 years old, Aurora, IL  
CHARGES: Unlawful Use of Weapon and Aggravated Discharge of Firearm.  
Bond \$250,000 currently held at the DeKalb County Jail.

Officers also recovered a firearm during the arrest of these individuals.

An arrest warrant has been issued for an additional offender in this case:

- **Khalief D. Mcallister**, 20 years old, DeKalb, IL  
CHARGES: Aggravated Discharge of Firearm and Mob Action.  
A warrant has been issued with bond set at \$250,000.

Additional arrests have been made during the course of these investigations. Some of these arrests are directly related to the shootings, while others are related to additional criminal behavior connected to the recent violence.

- **Tyrese Bomar**, 18 years old, DeKalb, IL  
CHARGES: Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon
- **Michael Distacio**, 19 years old, North Aurora, IL  
CHARGES: Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm
- **Equan Lenoir**, 22 years old, DeKalb, IL  
CHARGES: Failure to Appear Warrant
- **Romere McCriston**, 29 years old, Chicago IL  
CHARGES: Unlawful Use of Weapon, Unlawful Possession a Firearm, Unlawful Possession of Cannabis
- **Isiah Rucker**, 20 years old, Freeport, IL  
CHARGES: Mob Action
- **Emmanuel Thomas**, 18 years old, DeKalb IL  
CHARGES: False Police Report (Currently has an active arrest warrant on an unrelated charge.)
- **Jackie Walker**, 25 years old, DeKalb IL  
CHARGES: Aggravated Battery, Mob Action
- **Thomas White**, 19 years old, DeKalb, IL  
CHARGES: Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Possession of a Stolen Firearm, Unlawful Possession of Ammunition
- **Juvenile**, 16 years old, DeKalb, IL  
CHARGES: Reckless Discharge of a Firearm

Additional wanted subjects currently wanted in connection to these investigations include:

- **Sean Hayden**, 22 years old, Aurora, IL  
CHARGES: Failure to Appear Obstructing a Peace Officer Warrant, Failure to Appear Family Offense Warrant
- **Darius Walker**, 24 years old, Chicago IL  
CHARGES: Parole Violation Warrant, Failure to Appear Obstructing a Peace Officer Warrant

Eight firearms have also been recovered during the course of these investigations.

The investigations into these gang and drug related incidents are active and progressing, and more arrests are anticipated as the cases continue. Chief Gene Lowery stated, “The recent gun violence has threatened the safety of our community, and I want to assure everyone that these violent offenders will be aggressively pursued and brought to justice.”

