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DeKalb Police Arrest Two for String of Armed Robberies

- On January 5, 2022, DeKalb Police Officers responded to a report of a theft that occurred at 1212 Varsity Boulevard. The victim in this case attempted to purchase a black iPhone from an unknown seller through an online marketplace. The offender, who was described as a young juvenile, took a felony amount of cash from the victim, and left the area without turning over the phone the victim just purchased.
- On January 11, 2022, DeKalb Police Officers responded to a report of an armed robbery at 1212 Varsity Boulevard. The victim attempted to purchase an iPhone from an unknown seller on Facebook. The victim was confronted by two offenders. One offender was armed with a blue firearm and demanded the victim's money and cell phone. When the victim attempted to run, he was struck with the firearm causing him to lose consciousness. When the victim re-gained consciousness, he discovered his money and cell phone were taken from his person. The offenders were described as two males, one short with a taller male.
- On January 23, 2022, DeKalb Police Officers responded to a report of an armed robbery/shooting at 1212 Varsity Boulevard. The victims attempted to purchase an iPhone from an unknown seller on Facebook. The victims met with a young juvenile who attempted to sell them a cell phone. The cell phone the juvenile attempted to sell was not the one that was being sold on Facebook. The young juvenile left and returned with the correct cell phone to be sold. A taller second offender appeared while armed with a blue gun. That offender struck one of the victims with the gun and then pointed the gun next to the victim's head. The victim pushed the gun away at which time the offender fired a round, missing the victim and striking the wall. The offenders then ran from the scene.
- On January 24, 2022, Investigators identified a possible suspect and began conducting surveillance around 1212 Varsity Boulevard. On January 26, 2022, DeKalb Police Investigators located the sellers from the above accounts attempting to sell another cell phone. An undercover officer made contact with the suspects on Facebook who agreed to sell the undercover officer an iPhone 13 Pro Max for \$850 at 1212 Varsity. The suspects were observed leaving one of the suspects residence in the 1100 block of Varsity Boulevard and walking towards 1212 Varsity Boulevard. DeKalb Police Investigators contacted the offenders when they arrived at 1212 Varsity Boulevard. The offenders did not have a phone to sell and were armed with a loaded blue gun. The suspects were charged with the following offenses after being interviewed and identified as the offenders in the above cases:

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ARRESTED:

1. **Taliyah M Maltbia, 19 years of age from DeKalb, Illinois, was charged with Aggravated Battery, Armed Robbery, Attempt Armed Robbery, Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon, Reckless Discharge of a Firearm, and Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon.**



2. **Anthony Minniefield, 18 years old from Chicago, Illinois, was charged with Aggravated Battery, Armed Robbery, Attempt Armed Robbery, Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon, and Reckless Discharge of a Firearm.**

