

# DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### Armed Robbery

On January 20, 2023, the DeKalb Police Department responded to the “There’s Fun in Store” (Gaming Store) located at 229 E. Lincoln Highway for a possible armed robbery. It was determined that a male offender brandished a firearm and demanded U.S. Currency. The armed offender fled the scene with an unknown amount of U.S. Currency.

The DeKalb Police Department (Detective Division) disseminated a community alert via social media. That alert displayed a still photo of the possible offender which was retrieved from video surveillance from the gaming store. The DeKalb Police Department received numerous tips from the community, and those tips led to the arrest of the armed robbery offender (**Javaughn J. Owens M/B/21 DeKalb, Illinois**) on January 21, 2023. It was determined that the firearm used in the robbery was a BB Gun, not a firearm.

After further investigation by the DeKalb Police Department, there is significant evidence linking **Javaughn Owens** to (2) additional property crimes in the City of DeKalb.

- Burglary (Lehan’s Drug Store 1407 S. Fourth St. DeKalb, Il.)
- Criminal Damage to Property (State Farm Office 129 E. Locust St. DeKalb, Il.)

The following charging documents have been filed against **Javaughn Owens**:

1. Aggravated Robbery (Class 1 Felony) “There’s Fun in Store”
2. Burglary (Class 2 Felony) Lehan’s Drug Store
3. Criminal Damage to Property (Class 4 Felony) Lehan’s Drug Store
4. Criminal Damage to Property (Class A Misdemeanor) State Farm

Special thanks to the DeKalb Community for their assistance with this arrest. Thanks to the DeKalb County State’s Attorney’s Office for their professionalism and dedication to the residents of DeKalb, Illinois.

**\*\*All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty\*\***

*If you witnessed this incident or have any information that can help with this investigation, please contact the DeKalb Police Department.*