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Warrant Sweep

Beginning on September 1, 2023, a joint operation between the DeKalb Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Sycamore Police Department, Rochelle Police Department, the Illinois National Guard, and the DeKalb County States Attorney Office began with the arrest of seven (7) individuals and execution of two search warrants. The arrest warrants and search warrants were obtained as a result of a three-year investigation into the drug market and an effort to curb violent crimes in DeKalb. Multiple controlled buys, spanning several cities, were conducted during this investigation. The goal of the operation was to apprehend alleged gang members who are suspected to be responsible for a series of crimes that occurred between January 2020 and August 2023.

Special thanks to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Sycamore Police Department, Rochelle Police Department, the Illinois National Guard, and the DeKalb County States Attorney Office who all assisted in the investigation and apprehension. The investigation is ongoing, and arrest warrants have been issued for other individuals who have not yet been arrested. Additional charges are possible against the suspects in this investigation.

Arrested:

Rodrigo Rabelo (M/W 02/25/1982)

- Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance (Class 1 Felony)
- Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver (Class 1 Felony)
- Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (Class 4 Felony)

Jowell S. Estrada (M/W 3/7/1993)

- Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance (Class 1 Felony)
- Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (Class 4 Felony)

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Lequan V. Johnson (M/B 3/27/1985)

- Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance (Class 2 Felony)
- Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (Class 4 Felony)

Jason E. Bock (M/W 10/15/1998)

- Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance (Class 1 Felony)
- Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (Class 4 Felony)

Joe J. Silva (M/W 3/12/1991)

- Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance (Class 1 Felony)
- Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (Class 4 Felony)

Reginald B. Hoskins (12/12/1991)

- Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance (Class 2 Felony)
- Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (Class 4 Felony)

Marcos Esquivel (9/3/1985)

- Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance (Class 1 Felony)
- Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (Class 4 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.