PRESS RELEASE

On April 5th, 2016, at approximately 8:03PM, the DeKalb Police Department responded to 919 Ridge Drive in reference to a report of an armed robbery. Officers immediately responded to the area and were unable to locate a suspect.

Officers on scene spoke to the victim, who reported that he was delivering food, for a local restaurant, to 919 Ridge Drive. The victim stated that as he was knocking on an apartment door; he observed a subject walking up to him, that subject pointed a handgun at him and stated, “I’ll take that.” The victim turned over the pizza and wings in compliance with the offender’s demands.

The victim described the suspect as being a male, black, 20-25 years of age, approximately 5’06 inches tall, and weighing 160 pounds. The suspect was wearing a navy blue hooded sweatshirt with black pants, and was last seen running westbound on Ridge Drive.

The following day, April 6th, 2015, the DeKalb Police Department responded to a report of an armed, carjacking incident located at 919 Ridge Drive. During this incident, the suspect, while armed with a handgun, robbed a maintenance worker of his keys and vehicle. The suspect fled the apartment complex in the stolen car and was last seen traveling southbound on Annie Glidden Road. An officer located the stolen vehicle and attempted to effect a traffic stop, the offender refused to pull over, increased his speed, and a pursuit ensued. The pursuit ended at Route 38 and Interstate 39 when the suspect shot himself while inside the vehicle. The suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene and was identified as 19 year old Malik Henry who resided at 919 Ridge Drive, in DeKalb.

The subsequent investigation by the DeKalb Police determined that Malik Henry was the person who robbed the delivery driver on April 5th at 919 Ridge Drive. Malik Henry was found to be in possession of the cell phone used to place the order that set up the robbery. The pizza box, wing box, and a receipt with an order number taken during the robbery were recovered with items that Henry discarded prior to the carjacking. At this time the armed robbery investigation has been cleared with evidence recovered from the offender’s apartment complex and from the offender’s person that linked him to the incident.

The investigation into the death of Malik Henry is being handled by the Illinois State Police.

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