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PRESS RELEASE

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On Saturday, August 24th, 2019, the DeKalb Police Department received information that Elonte McDowell, 25 years of age, of Aurora, was driving to DeKalb with a “load of drugs.” The information received advised that McDowell would be driving a tan Chevy Malibu and accompanied by a white female with long brown hair. Officers located the vehicle described entering DeKalb and performed an investigative stop based on the intelligence received. Also present in the vehicle was McDowell’s girlfriend who matched the description provided.

Investigating officers asked McDowell to exit the vehicle. McDowell exited the vehicle. As officers spoke to McDowell, an open-air sniff of the vehicle McDowell was driving was conducted by a Police K-9. The K-9 alerted to the presence of narcotics within the vehicle. A search of the vehicle ensued, and a felony-amount of cannabis was located.

Officers informed McDowell that he was under arrest and approached McDowell to place him into handcuffs. Upon doing so, McDowell attempted to flee. Officers attempted to restrain McDowell, who continued to resist their efforts to place him into handcuffs. During this encounter, a Taser was deployed to gain McDowell’s compliance. Officers placed McDowell into handcuffs and called for an ambulance to check on him. McDowell refused medical treatment.

McDowell was arrested, processed, and transported to the DeKalb County Jail to await a bond hearing. He is charged with Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with the Intent to Deliver, Unlawful Possession of Cannabis, Criminal Trespass to Property, and Resisting a Peace Officer.

The DeKalb Police Department is reviewing all available video footage and statements regarding the use of force in this incident. The DeKalb Police Department has contacted the Illinois State Police requesting they conduct an independent review of this incident. At this time, the officer involved in this incident has been temporarily reassigned to administrative duties.

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