

# DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **DeKalb Police Arrest Offender with Gun and Drugs**

On September 9, 2020, DeKalb's Targeted Response Unit Detectives were investigating the complaint of drugs being sold on Hillcrest Drive. Officers observed a subject, who recently advertised on social media that he had narcotics for sale, sitting in a vehicle behind 1024 W. Hillcrest Drive. Officers made contact with the driver, Eric Hughes, and smelled an odor of cannabis coming from the vehicle. Hughes exited his vehicle and told the detectives that he had cannabis on his person. Hughes handed the detectives a bag that contained several smaller bags of cannabis. A search of Hughes's vehicle resulted in the seizure of ecstasy pills and a loaded handgun under the driver's seat.

Hughes was arrested and charged with multiple counts of drug and weapon offenses. Hughes was transported to the DeKalb County Jail.

#### **CHARGES:**

**Eric T. Hughes, 30 years old, from DeKalb Illinois was charged with Armed Habitual Criminal, Armed Violence, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Possession of Ammunition, Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with the Intent to Deliver, and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance with the Intent to Deliver.**