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First Degree Murder Investigation

On August 24, 2022, the DeKalb Police Department responded to 919 Ridge Drive for a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, a victim was located near the parking lot with an apparent gunshot wound to the head. Responding officers provided CPR and the victim was transported to the hospital, where he later succumbed to his injuries. The victim is an 18-year-old male who resided at 919 Ridge Drive.

Investigators were able to identify a suspect, who had left the area in a vehicle. This morning, the Chicago Police Department located the suspect and he was arrested and detained.

Formal charges of first degree murder are pending against the offender through the State's Attorney's Office:

Arrested and detained: Michael H. Howard, DOB 07/05/1997 of DeKalb, IL

Thanks to the members of the DeKalb Police Department for their ongoing work on this case, and to members of the NIU Police Department and DeKalb County Sheriff's Office who assisted in the investigation, as well as the DeKalb County State's Attorney's Office.

****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.