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Incident Location: 800 Block of Oakland Ave. Urbana
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ARMED ROBBERY ARREST – URBANA

***** BACKGROUND FROM PRESS RELEASE ON OCTOBER 20, 2022 *****

On Thursday, October 13, 2022, Urbana Police officers responded to the area of the Town and Country Apartment Complex (800 block of Oakland Ave. and 1000 block of Kerr Ave.) for two separate reports of Armed Robberies. In both cases, the offender lured the victims to different parking lots in the apartment complex under the guise of selling them cell phones. The cell phones were advertised on Facebook Marketplace. In both cases, the offender presented or threatened the victims with a pistol and stole cash from them. The offender was described as an African American male, skinny, about 6’2” tall, of unknown age, wearing a puffy orange coat, jeans, and a white mask. In both cases, the offender approached and left the scenes of the robberies on foot.

***** UPDATE *****

On November 7, 2022, at about 0600 hours, officers from the Urbana Police Department, along with the Champaign County Street Crimes Task Force and the Metropolitan Emergency Tactical Response Operations (METRO) SWAT Unit, executed a court-ordered search warrant for the residence of 23-year-old Ra-Juan Williams. The search warrant was conducted in the 800 block of Oakland Ave. following an investigation by Urbana detectives that led to Williams being developed as the offender of the above-mentioned armed robberies from October 13, 2022. The search warrant was in addition to an outstanding Champaign County arrest warrant that detectives obtained for Williams for the crimes mentioned above. The bond on the arrest warrant was listed at \$150,000. Williams was located within his residence during the search warrant and was taken into custody without incident. Evidence related to the crimes Williams was arrested for was found within his home. Williams was transported to the Champaign County Jail and is awaiting further legal proceedings.

Urbana Police ask that anyone who has additional information or video footage of the incident please contact police at 217-384-2320. Arrangements can be made for information to be shared privately. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may also submit tips to Crime Stoppers by phone at: 217-373-8477 (TIPS); online at 373tips.com; or the “P3 Tips” mobile app.

Citizens are reminded that information submitted to Crime Stoppers is completely anonymous. Calls are routed to a third-party national call center that receives your information, completes a tips information form, and then passes the information to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Caller ID tracking is not utilized by Crime Stoppers and conversations are not recorded.

Crime Stoppers will pay cash rewards of \$5,000 for tips that lead to an arrest in any homicide case, \$2,500 for tips leading to an arrest in a felony crime involving a firearm, and up to \$1,000 for tips leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for any other crime.

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