



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Incident Location: 1800 block Autumn Ridge Lane, Urbana
Date/Time of Press Release: December 20, 2023, 11:55 a.m.
Date/Time of Incident: December 18, 2023, 3:23 p.m.



MAN APPREHENDED STEALING PACKAGES AFTER FLEEING FROM POLICE

On December 18, 2023, at approximately 3:20 p.m., Urbana police officers were dispatched to the area of the 1800 block of Autumn Ridge Drive. METCAD 911 received a call from a resident of the area indicating that a subject driving a black Hyundai with white lettering on the side had just stolen a package from a porch. There, coincidentally, were multiple officers were nearby.

An officer located the vehicle on Myra Ridge Drive and attempted to initiate an investigatory stop. The vehicle fled from the officer and disregarded traffic control devices while fleeing. The vehicle went through the intersection of Myra Ridge and Windsor against the red light and was struck by another vehicle. The driver, later identified as Simeon S. Simmons, a 33-year-old man from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, fled from the crashed vehicle. Other responding officers were able to apprehend him nearby after a short foot pursuit. Packages from six individual victims were located in the course of the investigation. As a result of the traffic crash, Simmons was transported to the hospital. Simmons was left in the care of medical staff, but cited for the following offenses:

- Theft over \$500
- Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding
- DUI - Alcohol
- Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Accident
- Disobeying a Red Light
- Driving While License Revoked
- Resisting/Obstructing a Peace Officer

Citizens are reminded that package theft, especially during the holiday season, regularly occurs across the country. Please consider having your packages sent to a location that can store them securely until you can pick them up or alternatively have a secure location that packages can be left by a delivery service.

Individuals possessing information or video footage related to this incident are urged to contact Urbana Police at 217-384-2320. Confidential sharing options are available, and anonymous tips can be submitted to Crime Stoppers via phone at 217-373-8477 (TIPS), online at 373tips.com, or through the "P3 Tips" mobile app.

Citizens are reminded that information provided to Crime Stoppers is entirely anonymous, with no caller ID tracking or recorded conversations. Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards of \$5,000 for tips leading to an arrest in any homicide case, \$2,500 for tips resulting in the arrest of a suspect in a firearm-related felony, and up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of individuals responsible for other crimes.

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UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY IN A COURT OF LAW.*****

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