



**SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

**Kenny Winslow
Chief of Police**

Springfield, Illinois - On September 4, at 8:06 a.m., the Springfield Police Department responded to the Walgreen's located at 2140 Peoria Road for a reported armed robbery. Store employees reported that an individual they described to be a white female, wearing a white hooded sweatshirt and a camouflage jacket, entered the store and showed a large knife to the employees. The suspect pointed the knife at employees and motioned for them to open the cash register. The suspect was given U.S. currency from the cash drawer prior to leaving the business on foot. No one was injured during this incident.

Responding officers were able to follow-up on leads provided and located the suspect at a residence in the area. Officers located and arrested the suspect who was identified as Billie Jo Friday, age 33. Friday was charged with armed robbery, aggravated assault, and unlawful use of a weapon.

Report # S17-80740. The booking photo can be released.

Anyone with information concerning this crime is asked to call the Springfield Police Department at 217.788.8311 and/or Crime Stoppers at 217.788.8427.

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