



## **Springfield Police Department City of Springfield, Illinois**

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### **ARREST MADE IN OVERNIGHT HOMICIDE**

Springfield Police have arrested one individual and charged him with a variety of charges in connection with the shooting death of another man overnight. Marcus I. Johnson (m/b 03-14-82) of Springfield has been charged with first degree murder, attempted murder, aggravated battery with a firearm and reckless discharge of a firearm.

Officers responded to a shooting at #10 Regency Court where a male subject was reported to be shot and down. While en route to the Regency address, officers located a black Chevrolet Avalanche stopped in the parkway in front of the post office possibly having crashed into a telephone pole. Several officers got out and discovered that the driver of the truck, Joe R. Simmons (m/b 11-09-86) had been shot. Simmons told officers that he was leaving a party at #10 Regency Court when an argument occurred and a subject shot him at point blank range.

Other officers arrived at the Regency Court address and located a second victim, later identified as Albie J. Underwood (m/b 09-09-77) laying in the yard in front of #8 Regency Court. Medical personnel responded to both locations and transported both victims to St. John's Hospital. Underwood was pronounced deceased at the hospital. Simmons was taken to surgery for treatment of his injuries.

Detectives interviewed numerous people in the case. A handgun believed to have been used in the shooting was recovered at a separate location.

(A Photo of the suspect is not available.)