



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

**Kenny Winslow
Chief of Police**

Springfield, Illinois – On July 29, 2021, at approximately 5:58 p.m., members of the Springfield Police Department Street Crimes Unit observed an improperly parked vehicle in the 1700 block of East Lawrence Avenue. As the officers approached, one subject, later identified as Anthony Brown, fled on foot. Officers pursued him and were able to quickly take him into custody. The officers began to search the vehicle and observed a firearm inside. At that time the officers attempted to arrest the second subject, identified as Joshua Thomas. Thomas also attempted to flee on foot before being taken into custody. Officers then completed a search of the vehicle revealing a second firearm. Officers located a loaded Glock .45 caliber pistol and a Heckler and Koch .22 caliber rifle inside of the vehicle. Both subjects were transported to the Sangamon County Jail where they remain in custody at this time.

Anthony Brown (27 year-old male) was on parole at the time and was arrested for armed habitual criminal, unlawful use of a weapon, unlawful possession of a weapon by a gang member, unlawful possession of a weapon by convicted felon, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, and resisting or obstructing a police officer.

Joshua Thomas (27 year-old male) was arrested for unlawful use of a weapon, unlawful use of a weapon by a convicted felon, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, possession of a firearm no – FOID, and resisting or obstructing a police officer.

Booking photos may be released. Anyone with information concerning this incident is asked to call the Springfield Police Department at 217.788.8311 and/or Sangamon/Menard County Crime Stoppers at 217.788.8427.

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