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74.4 GRAMS OF SUSPECTED CRACK COCAINE RECOVERED DURING TRAFFIC STOP

On March 6th, 2026, at approximately 7:26 p.m., deputies assigned to the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for two separate violations of the Illinois Vehicle Code. The vehicle stopped in a parking lot of a Dollar General store, located near the intersection of S. Galena Ave. and S. Armstrong Ave., in Freeport. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Damon Stib (age 49 of Freeport), and a Sheriff's Office K-9 was utilized to conduct a free-air sniff around the outside of the vehicle during the traffic stop.

The K-9 alerted to the exterior of the vehicle indicating the possible presence of a controlled substance, and probable cause to arrest Damon Stib was established shortly thereafter. Damon Stib then fled on foot in an attempt to evade the arrest but was apprehended by a deputy following a brief foot pursuit and the deployment of a Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW). Due to the deployment of the CEW, an ambulance crew was summoned to the scene and Stib refused medical attention. No deputies were injured during the incident.

After the apprehension of Damon Stib, deputies, with the assistance of a K9, located approximately 74.4 grams of suspected crack cocaine that had been discarded during the foot pursuit. Following a review of this case by the Stephenson County State's Attorney's Office, Damon Stib has been charged with the felony offenses of Unlawful Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance and Possession of a Controlled Substance, along with misdemeanor charges of Resisting/Obstructing a Peace Officer and Illegal Transportation of Adult-Use Cannabis in a Motor Vehicle. Damon Stib is being held at the Stephenson County Jail pending the outcome of a detention hearing.



ACCUSED: Damon M. Stib

AGE: 49

CITY/STATE OF RESIDENCE: Freeport, IL

Warrant# 26CF88

Count 1: Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance

Count 2: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Count 3: Illegal Transportation of Adult-Use Cannabis in a Motor Vehicle

Count 4: Resisting/Obstructing a Peace Officer

Bond: NONE

The public is reminded that the defendant is presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial, at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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