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EIGHT POUNDS OF CANNABIS RECOVERED FROM VEHICLE

On July 2nd, 2025, at approximately 5:12 p.m., a deputy assigned to the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office Crime Suppression Unit (CSU), was patrolling on Business Route 20 near Springfield Rd. in rural Freeport when the deputy observed a westbound vehicle being driven by Darren Miller (age 36 of Freeport), a person known by the deputy for having a revoked driver's license. While attempting to maneuver behind the offending vehicle to initiate a stop, it fled into Freeport on Adams Ave. reaching speeds over 100 mph.

After a short vehicle pursuit, the offending vehicle came to an abrupt stop near Adams Ave. and Float Ave. in Freeport and all three occupants fled on foot. Following a foot pursuit, Darren Miller was apprehended by the CSU deputy in the 500 block of S. Liberty Ave, and one of the passengers in the vehicle, Trarrell Thompson (age 25 of Freeport) was apprehended by an assisting Freeport Police Officer. The third passenger was not located and last seen running near Ottawa Ave. and Winneshiek St. After two of the three vehicle occupants were taken into custody, a search of the offending vehicle was conducted and approximately eight (8) pounds of Cannabis was recovered.

Following a review of this case by the Stephenson County State's Attorney's Office, Darren Miller has been charged with the felony offenses of Unlawful Possession with Intent to Deliver Cannabis (more than 2000 grams but less than 5000 grams) and Aggravated Fleeing to Elude a Peace Officer along with a misdemeanor charge of Driving While License Revoked. Darren Miller is being held at the Stephenson County Jail pending the outcome of a detention hearing. Trarrell Thompson was charged with a misdemeanor offense of Resisting a Peace Officer and was released under the provisions of the Pre-Trial Fairness Act.



ACCUSED: Darren T. Miller
AGE: 36
CITY/STATE OF RESIDENCE: Freeport, IL

Warrant# PENDING

Count 1: Possession with Intent to Deliver Cannabis 2000-5000 grams
Count 2: Aggravated Fleeing to Elude a Peace Officer
Count 3: Resisting a Peace Officer

Bond: NONE

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

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