



SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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ARREST OF WANTED SUBJECT – USE OF FORCE BY OFFICER

Springfield, Illinois- On March 27, 2026 at approximately 4:30p.m, Springfield Police Officer J. Walter conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle registered to a person with several felony warrants. The driver, Promyss Davis (female, 19 years old from Springfield) immediately exited the vehicle and began to walk away from Officer Walter. Officer Walter was able to catch up to Ms. Davis and advise her that she being detained. Ms. Davis then provided Officer Walter with a false name. It should be noted that Officer Walter had previously interacted with Ms. Davis on other calls for service. Ms. Davis is currently awaiting trial on several cases including but not limited to aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, aggravated battery to a peace officer and resisting a peace officer.

Ms. Davis abruptly fled on foot and began actively resisting arrest after Officer Walter attempted to secure her hands. At one point the suspect shouted for help from a passing car and attempted to enlist multiple people to assist her in defeating the arrest. During the struggle, the suspect's elbow pressed against Officer Walter's bodycam, causing it to deactivate. A back up officer arrived shortly thereafter, and the end of the struggle can be clearly seen on the assisting officer's bodycam. A short portion of this interaction was captured by a citizen and later posted on social media.

Officer Walter followed his training and established policy in effecting this arrest. Officer Walter used the lowest level of force necessary to effect the arrest. After Ms. Davis was detained, Officer Walter transported her to Memorial Medical Center for a medical evaluation, after which she was booked into the Sangamon County Jail.

A comprehensive review of this use of force incident was conducted by the Springfield Police Department. The incident and associated evidence was also evaluated by use of force trainers and experts.

While videos of police interactions with criminal suspects can sometimes be jarring to watch, the Springfield Police Department supports Officer Walter and all men and women of the Springfield Police Department who put their safety at risk every shift to make our community a safe place to live.

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