



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

Chief of Police

Springfield, Illinois – On August 18, 2022 at approximately 1:54 p.m., officers with the Springfield Police Department were conducting a narcotics investigation in the 700 block of south Durkin Drive. Officers conducted a traffic stop on Deandre Townes (male, 32 years-old). During the stop, Townes attempted to flee on foot and officers chased him. During the chase Townes turned and charged at an officer, and the officer took him to the ground. Townes then attempted to remove the officer's duty firearm from the holster causing it to discharge. Additional officers arrived on scene and deployed a taser to gain compliance from Townes, who still had a grasp on the holstered firearm.

During a search of his vehicle the officers located 28.5 grams of methamphetamine, 2.08 grams of heroin, 9.09 grams of cocaine, and a Smith and Wesson 9mm pistol.

Townes was arrested for aggravated discharge of a firearm, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon by a convicted felon, attempt to disarm a peace officer, armed habitual criminal, methamphetamine delivery, manufacture and deliver of a controlled substance, aggravated battery to a police officer, armed violence, and resisting or obstructing a police officer. He was treated for minor injuries and transported to the Sangamon County Jail where he awaits formal charges by the Sangamon County States Attorney Office.

Booking photo 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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