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CID COMMAND ADVISORY
Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer
24-5253
Western Ave. / Lincoln Ave.
March 18, 2024

On March 18, 2024 at approximately 0455 hours, Officer T. Ward (3A04) attempted to conduct a motor vehicle stop on a 2022 black Honda Ridgeline in the area of Starr St./Western Ave. after observing a violation of the Illinois Vehicle Code. Officer Ward indicated that the vehicle continued north on Western Ave. disregarding both his activated emergency lighting and siren. Officer Ward observed the vehicle in the parking lot of "Da Catch" located in the retail complex and Western Ave. and Lincoln Ave. Officer Ward advised he approached the suspect vehicle and ordered the lone male driver to exit. The driver refused and Ward advised continued to order him to exit the vehicle with his department authorized weapon drawn. Ward advised the male driver then displayed a handgun and intentionally directed it at Officer Ward. Officer Ward retreated from his position near the suspect vehicle and the driver then fled the stop northbound on Western Ave. The interaction was recorded on both in car and body worn camera systems. Officer Ward spoke with [REDACTED] 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(d)(iv) - Confidential Sources / Informants / Persons [REDACTED] 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(d)(iv) - [REDACTED] 5 ILCS [REDACTED] provided a name "Brian R. Childers" and advised he was from the state of Alabama.

CID Detective(s) assisted in the investigation and spoke with Officer Ward. Images of Brian R. Childers DOB 1/25/1979 were obtained. Officer Ward identified Childers as the suspect whom displayed a firearm and intentionally directed it at him. Detective(s) contacted [REDACTED] 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(d)(iv) - [REDACTED] who also independently identified Childers as operating the vehicle at the time of the attempted stop. It was also learned that Childers routinely carried a firearm on his person. Information was additionally obtained that Childers was staying at the Paradise Hotel in East Peoria, IL (room 509).

SID personnel conducted further investigation at the Paradise Hotel in an effort to locate Childers. Childers was observed in the lobby of the hotel by SID personnel. Childers was taken into custody outside of the hotel and a handgun was located on his person along with methamphetamine. Childers was transported to CID for further investigation. A search warrant was drafted for the hotel room and later executed. No additional evidence was located. Childers had arrived at the hotel operating a Harley Davidson motorcycle. The motorcycle was towed to the PD in anticipation of a search warrant also. Detective Cox conducted an interview with Childers. During subsequent interview Childers provided an admission that he was the occupant of the vehicle, and furthermore, did point a firearm at the Officer that stopped him. Childers advised that the handgun that was located on his person was the firearm used during the incident.

Childers was not found at this time to maintain any felony conviction status. Childers was arrested for Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer and multiple traffic violations. The Peoria County States Attorney's Office will be notified. The Tazewell County States Attorney's Office will also be notified for review regarding Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapons and Possession of Methamphetamine.