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**SHOTS FIRED INVESTIGATION LEADS TO AN ARREST**

On May 12, 2025 at 12:13 AM, Freeport Police Officers responded to the 1200 block of S. Carroll Avenue in response to a Sound Thinking alert for one gunshot being fired. When Officers arrived, they located one (1) shell casing in the street. Officers also encountered Demetrius Henry, a 41-year-old resident of University Park, Illinois, lying down in the back seat of a Buick that was parked in close proximity to where the gunshot was fired.

During the course of the investigation into the incident, Officers were able to determine that Demetrius Henry fired one shot towards a white SUV that was driving south in the 1200 block of S. Carroll Avenue. It appeared that Henry and an occupant of the white SUV were engaged in a verbal altercation before and after the gunshot was fired. A search warrant was executed on the Buick that was previously occupied by Henry. During the search of the Buick, Officers located a loaded 9mm handgun in the area where Henry was seated.

The Stephenson County State's Attorney approved felony charges for Demetrius Henry; Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon, Reckless Discharge of a Firearm, and Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm. Henry is currently in custody at the Stephenson County Jail where he will remain until the outcome of a detention hearing.

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

PICTURED: Demetrius Henry



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