

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE NEWS RELEASE

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<u>ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ARRESTS SUSPECT FOR</u> <u>EAST ST. LOUIS SHOOTING</u>

EAST ST. LOUIS – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 6 Public Safety Enforcement Group (PSEG) arrested 29-year-old Eddie T. Johnson of Cahokia Heights, IL, for Aggravated Battery/Discharge of a Firearm (Class X Felony), Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm/Occupied Vehicle (Class 1 Felony), Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon (Class 2 Felony), and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon (Class 3 Felony) stemming from a shooting last month.

On September 22, 2024, at approximately 2:00 a.m., East St. Louis Police Department (ESLPD) responded to a shooting in the 1500 block of Gaty Avenue. The male victim was driving in the area when he was struck by gunfire from outside his vehicle. The victim was transported to a regional hospital with serious injuries. ESLPD requested assistance from PSEG agents to further the case. After a thorough investigation, Johnson was identified as the alleged shooter.

On October 22, 2024, the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office issued an arrest warrant for Johnson. On October 28, 2024, PSEG agents, ISP Statewide Anti-Violence Enforcement Team South, ISP Firearms Investigation Unit, and the United States Marshals Service located and arrested Johnson in East St. Louis. There is no further information.



Eddie T. Johnson (M/29)

The charges are not evidence against the defendant, and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.