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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE RELEASES VIDEO OF AGGRAVATED ASSAULT CROSSBOW INCIDENT

DECATUR – The Illinois State Police (ISP) is releasing video of an aggravate assault by a Decatur man involving a crossbow that resulted in a non-fatal officer involved shooting. The Decatur Police Department (DPD) requested ISP investigate the shooting.

On April 22, 2026, at approximately 9:22 a.m., DPD officers were dispatched to the 300 block of E. William Street regarding an armed subject, 54-year-old Michael Boliard of Decatur, IL. Officers followed Boliard into a building in the 400 block of E. William Street where Boliard pointed a crossbow at officers. In response, officers fired their weapons striking Boliard. Officers provided medical aid on scene until Boliard was transported to a local hospital.

On May 5, 2026, Boliard was released from the hospital and taken into custody on charges of Aggravated Assault of a Peace Officer (Class 4 Felony), Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon (Class A Misdemeanor), Possession of a Controlled Substance (Class 1 Felony), Armed Violence (Class 2 Felony), Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon (Class 3), and three counts of Threatening Public Officials (Class 3 Felony). Boliard remains at the Macon County Jail pending court proceedings.

In accordance with ISP's commitment to integrity and public transparency, the video of the shooting is being made available to the public and can be found by clicking [HERE](#). This video is being released after consultation with the Macon County State's Attorney's Office.

After a thorough investigation of the shooting, ISP will turn the case over to the Macon County State's Attorney's Office for review. No additional information is available at this time.

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.

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