



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Incident Location: 800 Block of E. Hawthorne Dr., Urbana, IL.**

**Date/Time of Press Release: 4/26/23 at 4:15 p.m.**

**Date/Time of Incident: 4/25/23 10:40 p.m.**



**ATTEMPTED MURDER ARREST – URBANA**

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On Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at approximately 10:46 p.m. Urbana police officers responded to Carle Hospital Emergency Room in reference to a stabbing incident. Police learned that a 19-year-old Urbana woman had been stabbed in the neck, head, arm and back. The wounds were life-threatening, but the victim is expected to survive.

Investigation revealed that a 19-year-old Champaign woman, Aniya N. Gatson, fought with the victim and then stabbed her multiple times. The fight took place in the roadway near the 800 block of E. Hawthorne Drive in Urbana.

On Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 9:48 a.m. Gatson voluntarily came to the Urbana Police Department and was questioned by detectives regarding what took place. Police discovered from statements and phone messages that Gatson, the victim and another Champaign woman all engaged in a fistfight. Gatson and the other Champaign woman were fighting the victim when Gatson retreated to her vehicle, grabbed and knife and stabbed the victim multiple times. Gatson had no injuries and the other Champaign woman, who has been identified and interviewed by police, had minor superficial injuries. Police arrested Gatson for Attempted First Degree Murder. She was transported to the Champaign County Satellite Jail and is awaiting further court proceedings. The investigation remains on-going.

Urbana Police ask that anyone who has additional information or video footage of the incident please contact police at 217-384-2320. Arrangements can be made for information to be shared privately. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may also submit tips to Crime Stoppers by phone at: 217-373-8477 (TIPS); online at 373tips.com; or the “P3 Tips” mobile app.

Citizens are reminded that information submitted to Crime Stoppers is completely anonymous. Calls are routed to a third-party national call center that receives your information, completes a tips information form, and then passes the information to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Caller ID tracking is not utilized by Crime Stoppers and conversations are not recorded.

Crime Stoppers will pay cash rewards of \$5,000 for tips that lead to an arrest in any homicide case, \$2,500 for tips leading to an arrest in a felony crime involving a firearm, and up to \$1,000 for tips leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for any other crime.

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