



CASE REPORT

Summary

Print Date/Time: 07/29/2024 14:10
 Login ID: [REDACTED]
 Case Number: 2022-00016370

Logan County Sheriff's Office
 ORI Number: IL0540000

Case

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 Location: [REDACTED]
 Reporting Officer ID: LO172 - Grayson

Incident Type: Weapons Violation
 Occurred From: 07/21/2022 10:24
 Occurred Thru: 07/21/2022 12:19
 Disposition: Cleared By Adult Arr.
 Disposition Date: 07/21/2022
 Reported Date: 07/21/2022 10:24 Thursday

Offenses

No.	Group/ORI	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Counts
1	State	1410	720 ILCS 5.0/24-1.6-A-3-A	Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapons - Uncased, Loaded, Immediately Accessible	2
2	State	1812	720 ILCS 550.0/4-D	Possession of Cannabis - >100 Grams And < 500 Grams	1

Subjects

Type	No.	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB/Age
Arrestee	1	Harris, Lakerrius J	[REDACTED]			Male	[REDACTED]
Suspect/Offender	1	Minter, Jermaine R	[REDACTED]		Black	Male	[REDACTED]

Arrests

Arrest No.	Name	Address	Date/Time	Type	Age
6268 A	Harris, Lakerrius J	[REDACTED]	07/21/2022 11:18	On-View	[REDACTED]
6269 A	Minter, Jermaine R	[REDACTED]	07/21/2022 00:00		[REDACTED]

Property

Date	Code	Type	Make	Model	Description	Tag No.	Item No.
07/25/2022	Evidence	Drugs			Plastic container with cannabis oil concentration inside of it.	2022-00016370	6
07/21/2022	Evidence	DVD			DVD uploaded with interview with Lakerrius	2022-00016370	5
07/21/2022	Evidence	CD			CD uploaded with pictures of evidence	2022-00016370	4
07/21/2022	Evidence	DVD			DVD uploaded with in car camera video / audio	2022-00016370	3
07/21/2022	Evidence	Ammunition			13 rounds of 9mm handgun ammunition	2022-00016370	2
07/21/2022	Evidence	Firearms (Handguns)			Black 9mm Taurus Handgun Ser# [REDACTED] Mod# [REDACTED]	2022-00016370	1



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08/02/2022 10:39	Type: Intake Code: Initial Tag Number: Remarks:	LO172-Sean Grayson	Officer/Deputy	LO145-Alison Wright	Evidence Cust
08/10/2022 08:30	Type: Release Code: Released to Crime Lab Tag Number: Expected Return Date: Remarks:	LO019-Michael Block	Officer/Deputy	Illinois State Police Crime Lab, Springfield	Lab: Take To
09/28/2022 11:45	Type: Intake Code: Returned from Lab Tag Number: Remarks:	Illinois State Police Crime Lab, Springfield	Lab: Return From	LO145-Alison Wright	Evidence Cust

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Vehicles

No.	Role	Vehicle Type	Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate	State
1	Suspect	Passenger Car	2006	Nissan	ALT	Maroon	[REDACTED]	IL



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SHIFT SUPERVISOR

Date:

INVESTIGATOR

Date:

Mayes supplemental

INTRODUCTION

On July 22nd, 2022, I was contacted by Deputy Grayson about an incident in which he participated in earlier on this date. Deputy Grayson advised he had made a traffic stop on a vehicle in which the driver of the vehicle had been smoking cannabis. Deputy Grayson advised during the stop, Deputy Grayson searched the vehicle and found a loaded pistol in a gun case located in the trunk of the vehicle. Deputy Grayson also stated there was cannabis, empty baggies and a scale located in the vehicle. The occupant was Jermaine R. Minter (MB, DOB: [REDACTED]).

Deputy Grayson further advised that Minter stated that the firearm was not his. Minter advised the firearm belonged to his roommate in room 219 of the Quality Inn. Deputy Grayson stated he contacted the roommate, Lakerrius Harris, who stated there was no property of his in Minter's vehicle. Harris was asked if Harris owned a firearm. Harris stated he did own a Glock Pistol which had been taken by Chicago PD on July 3, 2022, during a traffic stop. Harris was asked if he had a firearm in Minter's vehicle at this present time. Harris stated he did not and further stated that he did not have any belongings in Minter's vehicle.

Deputy Grayson advised that Minter was placed under arrest. Deputy Grayson stated that while in Grayson's squad car, Minter was allowed to make a call. Minter called Harris and stated that Harris needed to say that the gun was his. Minter told Harris that Harris knew Minter had a pending charge and could not take this charge as well.

Deputy Grayson advised Harris came back and talked to Grayson. Harris told Grayson that the firearm was his. Harris stated he had purchased both firearms at a pawn shop in Mississippi. Harris then flew from Mississippi to Illinois bringing the firearms and ammunition with him. Harris said the Glock was seized in Chicago and the other firearm was his.

Deputy Grayson stated that the statements made by Minter and Harris were under Miranda.

INTERVIEW OF HARRIS

I met with Deputy Grayson at the Logan County Safety Complex. Deputy Grayson transported Harris from the jail to the interview room. Not knowing that the interview room was not recording yet, I explained to Harris that I wanted to interview him. I asked Harris if he had been given his Miranda Rights while on scene. Harris said he had. I explained to Harris that although he had left the scene, went to the Logan County Jail for processing, and was now in the interview room that he was still under Miranda. I asked if Harris understood. Harris said he did. I began the interview and Deputy Grayson realized the recording had not been turned on. Deputy Grayson got up and turned the audio and video recording on. I explained to Harris that I had some questions about the incident. I explained to Harris that I was not there to trick him and that the Audio and Video recording was on.

After obtaining some general information, I asked Harris how he had learned and came to Lincoln. Harris stated he had come to Lincoln for his travel job. Harris stated he started at the end of May working at Eaton in Lincoln through a company out of Tennessee called "Elite Supply Train" which was just over the state border from Mississippi near his residence. Harris stated he has been staying at the Quality Inn paid by his company since coming to Lincoln.

I asked Harris who was his friend. Harris said Jermaine Minter. Harris stated Minter was working for Elite Supply Train as well. Harris was not sure how Minter got connected with the company. Harris stated Minter started working with Harris a month or two ago. Harris was not for sure who got to Lincoln first, but he thought it was close to the same time.

I asked Harris if the gun that was in the car was bought in Mississippi. Harris said it was. Harris stated he did not know who he bought the gun from. I asked Harris if Minter's fingerprints would be on the gun. Harris said he did not think so. Harris said he last handled the gun approximately a month ago. I asked Harris if he had the gun for protection. Harris said yes. I asked Harris if he had ever seen Minter handle the gun. Harris said he did not know. Harris then said he had never seen Minter handle the gun. I asked whose fingerprints would be on the baggies and scale that were in the vehicle. Harris said he did not know anything about that. I asked Harris whose car it was. Harris said it was Minter's vehicle.

I asked Harris if he had been pulled over since he had been in Lincoln. Harris stated he had been pulled over in Chicago around the 4th of July. I asked Harris if anything had happened during that traffic stop. Harris said the same thing. I asked Harris whose gun was that. Harris said he did not know. I asked Harris who had been arrested on that. Harris stated he had. I asked Harris how many occupants were in the car during that stop. Harris said it was him and Minter. I asked Harris if Minter got arrested. Harris said no. I asked Harris if he said it was his gun during that stop. Harris said no. Harris stated the gun was in the back seat during that specific stop. I asked Harris if he knew whose gun that was during that stop. Harris said he did not.

I asked Harris since he has been in Lincoln, has he had any problems here. Harris said no. I asked Harris how many times he had

been to Chicago. Harris said that was his first time and it was with Minter.

I asked Minter when the first time was that he had smoked cannabis. Harris said he was seventeen when he first smoked cannabis. When I asked Harris if that was his drug of choice, Harris said he just smokes cannabis. I asked Harris if he sold cannabis. Harris said no. I asked Harris if he ever sold cannabis. Harris said no. I asked Harris if he had ever been arrested for selling cannabis. Harris said no. I asked Harris if he had ever been arrested. Harris said for the incident in Chicago. I asked Harris if he had ever been arrested anywhere else like Mississippi or any other state. Harris said no.

At this point, I explained to Harris that I felt that Harris was owning up to the ownership of the firearm for Minter. I explained to Harris that Officers did not want to charge another person who did not actually commit the crime. I explained to Harris that I was just looking for the truth to whose gun it was.

Deputy Grayson told Harris that his story had changed multiple times. I explained to Harris that I knew it would be tough to tell the truth if he did not own the gun because he could be labeled a "Snitch". I again told Harris that all I was looking for was the truth, it did not matter if the truth was that he owned it or if Minter owned it. Deputy Grayson also told Harris to think about his kids when deciding to tell the truth. I explained to Harris that he was no longer around Minter, and he now had the opportunity to tell the truth if in fact he was lying. I asked Harris if he wanted to tell me the truth about what happened today.

Harris said the gun was his. I advised he brought it from Mississippi. Harris said he flew it down here. Harris said he flew from Memphis to Springfield. Harris could not remember the airline company that he flew with. I asked Harris how he got the gun through the airline. Harris said he had to buy a gun box and a lock through the airline. I asked Harris what else he had to do. Harris said he had to show identification and ensure there was a lock on the luggage as well. I asked Harris if he carried the gun on a carry-on or in luggage under the plane. Harris said it was in the luggage under the plane. I asked Harris if he had to complete any paperwork for carrying the gun on the plane. Harris said no. I asked Harris if he had any other information to provide. Harris said no.

Deputy Grayson told Harris that Harris had told him that there were pictures on the phone proving he flew the guns from Mississippi. Deputy Grayson asked Harris if he would be willing to show us the pictures of that. Harris provided a photograph from his phone and allowed us to look at it. It was a picture of a Glock pistol and a Taurus pistol in a tan gun box with an orange placard that said "FIREARM(S) UNLOADED" with an emblem and airline company named "Delta".

The Taurus appeared to be the same pistol recovered from Minter's vehicle during this incident. Supposedly, the gun seized during the Chicago traffic stop was a Glock pistol.

Deputy Grayson asked Harris if this was the only picture he had. Harris said this was the only picture. I asked Harris if it was alright if I took a picture of his picture on his phone. Harris gave me permission and I took a photo of the picture on his phone. Deputy Grayson asked Harris if this was the same gun which was seized by Chicago Police during the traffic stop on July 3rd. Harris said it was. Deputy Grayson asked Harris if this was the gun recovered in Chicago, then why did Harris tell the Police it was not his gun. Harris did not answer. I asked Harris if any statements that he made to Deputy Grayson or myself that he wanted to change. Harris said no. The interview was concluded.

EVIDENCE:

Deputy Grayson made a copy of the interview as evidence, see his report.

WRITTEN BY:

Dep. J. Mayes

Dep. Grayson Supp

On 07/23/22 at approximately 1200 hours, I was at the Logan County Sherriff Office. I weighed the cannabis oil concentration in the container it was in and the weight was 137.5 grams. I placed the cannabis concentration into an evidence bag and placed it into evidence locker #2, to be sent off to ISP Crime Lab to be further weighed and tested.

I watched my in car camera video and audio, I observed Jermaine's body movements and facial expressions while searching his vehicle. I observed as I moved to the trunk of Jermaine's vehicle that his heart rate and breath sped up, I could observe his chest to be

moving faster. I observed Jermaine to word “fuck and oh shit” as I was searching the trunk. Jermaine touched and groomed his face multiple times. From my training and experience I know these movements to be commonly used when someone is trying to calm themselves down. As I got closer to where the gun was hidden Jermaine moved towards the edge of his seat as if he was looking over the hood of my car to see if I found what was hidden. I believe with Jermaine body reaction and facial reaction he knew where the gun was in his car and that it was in there the whole time.

Dep. Grayson.

Dep. Grayson Narrative

On 07/21/22 at approximately 10:24 hours, I was sitting stationary at the Becks gas station, 1008 Heitmann Drive, in Lincoln. While parked in my squad car facing southeast in the parking lot, I observed a male in a maroon vehicle with expired Illinois registration [REDACTED] holding a Tabaco wrap up that appeared to be filled with cannabis, known as a blunt. From my training and experience I believed the male had a blunt due to the Tabaco wrap that he was holding in his mouth did not appear to look like a normal cigar due to it being more tapered on each end. The male lit the blunt right in front of me, the male looked at me and slid down in his seat as if he was trying to hide from me. I pulled behind the vehicle eastbound on Woodlawn. I activated my emergency lights and initiated a traffic stop. We came to a stop at [REDACTED].

I approached the driver side of the vehicle. I stated to the male driver, who I later identified as Jermaine R Minter, that I observed him light up a blunt in front of me. Jermaine stated “ya that my bad”. Jermaine stated that he was just going to the Quality Inn hotel where he was staying, and did not think about it. I advised Jermaine that he cannot be smoking and driving. I advised Jermaine that he was illegally transporting the cannabis in a motor vehicle. I asked Jermaine to step out of the vehicle and come back to my squad car. I asked Jermaine to grab his license and proof of insurance. I advised Jermaine that I was going to search his vehicle later due to having cannabis in the vehicle. Jermaine stated that he would just give me what he had and that I did not have to search his vehicle. Jermaine got into the passenger side of my squad car and provided both documents.

I asked Jermaine if he is just staying the night at the Quality Inn hotel or if he had moved down here. Jermaine stated that he was staying at the hotel for work. Jermaine stated he was working out at Eaton factory for a company called Elite Staffing. While in my squad car, I ran Jermaine’s information. Jermaine came back clear of warrants and a valid driver, with a revoked FOID card. I observed Jermaine had recently been ran by Chicago Police Department. I asked Jermaine if he had been to Chicago recently in the last week or two. Jermaine stated that he is from Chicago and makes trips back and forth between Chicago and Lincoln IL. weekly. I asked Jermaine if he had been in trouble recently or had been stopped, he stated he had not been, and asked why. I advised he had been ran in Chicago and was just curious. I exited my squad car and went to the passenger side of my squad car and searched Jermaine. I did not locate and weapons or drug contraband on his person.

I searched the vehicle, and as I started Sgt. Bauer arrived on scene. Sgt. Bauer and I searched the vehicle and located the following items.

*Tabaco wrapped filled with cannabis. Located in the ash tray in the cup holder.

*Plastic baggie of cannabis that was located in the cup holder.

*Black scale in the back seat with multiple empty clear plastic baggies.

*Plastic container with approximately 1 OZ of cannabis concentration butter. Located in the trunk of the vehicle.

*Black Taurus 9mm handgun Ser# [REDACTED] Mod# [REDACTED] loaded with one in the chamber with a total of 13 rounds of ammunition. Inside of a tan case hidden under the fabric fire wall in the trunk.

I unloaded the handgun and ran the handgun through Logan Dispatch. Logan Dispatched advised there was no record on the handgun. Sgt. Bauer secured the handgun and cannabis in the trunk of my squad car. I completed searching the vehicle and did not locate any other weapons or drug contraband.

I walked back my squad car and placed Jermaine in handcuffs, double locked and checked for fit. I read Jermaine his Miranda Rights, and placed him back into my squad car. Jermaine stated the gun was not his and that it was his roommate’s gun that is from Mississippi. I asked Jermaine what room his roommate was in, he stated 219. Jermaine stated that if I go talk to him that he will tell me that it was his gun. I advised Jermaine that I would go talk to his roommate. I walked into the hotel to speak with the male who later identified as Lakerrius Harris. I knocked on the door and no one answered. Sgt. Bauer advised me that the male was now outside. I exited the hotel to speak with Lakerrius.

I asked Lakerrius for his information, Lakerrius provided his name and date of birth. Sgt. Bauer ran Lakerrius information at my squad car. Lakerrius came back clear of warrants and a valid driver, and no CCW. I asked Lakerrius if anything in the vehicle was his. Lakerrius stated that none of his belongings were in the vehicle. I asked Lakerrius how he knew Jermaine, he stated that they worked together. I asked Lakerrius if he owned any guns, he stated that he owned one Glock handgun that was taken by Chicago Police department on July 3 2022. I asked Lakerrius if Jermaine was with him when that happened, he stated that he was and they were in Jermaine’s vehicle. I asked Lakerrius if he had a gun in Jermaine vehicle, he stated that he did not and stated again nothing in

the vehicle was his. I advised Lakerrius that he was free to leave, and stated that if he changes his mind he can come speak to me before I leave.

I went back to my squad car and stated to Jermaine that Lakerrius stated that nothing in the car was his, and the gun he did have was taken by Chicago Police Department on July 3rd 2022. I advised Jermaine he was under arrest for Aggravated Unlawful use of a Weapon. I placed Jermaine in the back seat of my squad car. Jermaine asked if he could make one call to Lakerrius to speak with him. I advised Jermaine that he could make one phone call before we left. Jermaine was on the phone with Lakerrius and it was on speaker phone. Jermaine stated "hey I'm away from the police so they can't hear me. You have to come claim this man, you know I have a pending charge and can't take this charge too". Jermaine begged Lakerrius to come claim the gun. I advised Jermaine that it doesn't seem right that he was trying to force his friend to claim the gun. I advised Jermaine to hang the phone up and to get back into my squad car. Jermaine stated "if I could just speak with him in person I know I could get him to admit this was his gun". I advised Jermaine that if Lakerrius wanted to speak with me before we left he could.

Lakerrius came back outside to speak with me. I read Lakerrius his Miranda Rights, and advised him of the consequences if he took ownership of the gun. Lakerrius stated that the gun was his and that he traveled back from Mississippi with two guns and ammunition. I advised Lakerrius he needed to look the gun laws up for the state he was traveling to and advised him he cannot transport or carry loaded firearms without having a CCW for the state that he was in. I advised Lakerrius that he should not be transporting a loaded firearm with cannabis in the motor vehicle. I stated to Lakerrius that he was just recently arrested for the same charge in Chicago with Jermaine. I asked Lakerrius when he placed the loaded gun into Jermaine's vehicle. Lakerrius stated that he switches the gun back and forth between his vehicle and Jermaine's depending on whose vehicle they will be in. I asked Lakerrius if it was loaded every time he stated that it was. I asked Lakerrius how he transported the guns to Lincoln IL. Lakerrius stated that he flew here with two handguns and some ammunition. I asked Lakerrius where he bought the handguns from, he stated that he bought both handguns from a pawn shop in Mississippi. I placed Lakerrius in handcuffs, double locked and checked for fit.

I issued Jermaine 1 written warning for expired registration and 1 civil citation for possession of cannabis in motor vehicle. Written warning # 28770 Civil Citation #00931. I advised Jermaine that he has court and has to appear for the possession of cannabis in motor vehicle. I advised Jermaine that there could possibly be pending charges due to him transporting the firearm and being in possession of said firearm. I advised him I would type a report up and send it to the States Attorney Office and let them decide what to do. I advised Jermaine that he was free to leave. A copy of Jermaine's criminal history will be sent to and shared with the SA Office.

I transported Lakerrius to the Logan County Jail. While at the Jail Lakerrius stated that soon as he is released that he will be going straight back to Mississippi and getting away from this area. Lakerrius and his property were released to Jail staff with no other incident. Lakerrius was left with Jail staff.

I called Inspector Mayes and stated what I had recovered. Inspector Mayes stated that he would like to come in to interview Lakerrius. I transported Lakerrius from the Jail to the interview room. Inspector Mayes advised Lakerrius that he was under Miranda and everything was begin audio and video recorded. Inspector Mayes asked Lakerrius about where he was from and what he did for work. At this point I observed Lakerrius to be sitting up straight and to be looking straight at Inspector Mayes. Inspector Mayes asked Lakerrius about owning handguns and how he transported the handguns to Lincoln IL. I observed Lakerrius to slide down and stare towards the ground and would not make eye contact or look up at Inspector Mayes while talking or being asked questions. Inspector Mayes asked where Lakerrius got the handguns from, he stated he bought it off some guy in Mississippi but did not know who he was or remember his name. Inspector Mayes asked where he got the ammunition from, he stated some person in Chicago. I found this statement odd due to him telling me earlier that he bought ammunition and both guns from a pawn store in Mississippi. Inspector Mayes asked Lakerrius what airline he used to fly here and were from. Lakerrius stated that he flew from Tennessee to Springfield IL, but did not know the airline that he used. Inspector Mayes asked how did he check the guns in at the airport and how was it transported while at the airport. Lakerrius stated that he just put them into a lock box, and put them into his bag that was placed it in to checked baggage. Inspector Mayes asked if he had to do any paperwork or anything else to check the guns in. Lakerrius stated no that he just placed a lock on the box and was able to fly them to Springfield IL. I found this statement odd due to knowing the paperwork along with the process of having to check guns into an airport, this did not match up with Lakerrius statements.

Inspector Mayes asked Lakerrius about the Chicago incident. Lakerrius stated that he and Jermaine were pulled over in Chicago. There was cannabis in the motor vehicle and there was a loaded gun in the back seat. I asked Lakerrius whose gun was in the back seat, he stated he did not know and did not even know there was a gun in the back seat. I asked Lakerrius if he had a picture of the gun on his phone, he stated that he did and showed me a picture of the Glock and Taurus handguns. I asked Lakerrius if the Glock handgun in the picture was the same one Chicago Police Department took, he stated that it was. I asked Lakerrius if that was his handgun, he stated it was. I asked Lakerrius why he lied about knowing whose gun it was and that there was a gun in the vehicle. Lakerrius stated he did not know. Inspector Mayes and I completed the interview and released Lakerrius back to jail staff with no incident.

I uploaded a copy of the interview to a DVD to be logged into evidence and to be shared with the SA Office. I uploaded a copy of my in car camera audio and video to a DVD that was logged into evidence. I cloud shared a copy of my in car camera to the SA Office. I uploaded a CD with pictures of evidence and logged it into evidence. I logged the 9mm handgun in to evidence locker #2 along with the 13 rounds of 9mm ammunition.

Lakerrius was arrested for Aggravated Unlawful use of a weapon. Jermaine was issued copies of his written warning and Civil Citation.

Dep. Grayson.