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**Press Release**

On June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at approximately 9:58 PM, the Decatur Police Department Community Action Team working jointly with the Street Crimes Unit initiated a traffic stop on a Nissan Sentra at the intersection of Witt Street and Prairie Avenue. The vehicle immediately fled at a high rate of speed and disregarded traffic control devices. The Decatur Police Department pursued the vehicle and the pursuit ended due to the vehicle colliding with a concrete retaining wall in the 600 block of N. Jasper Street. The driver/sole occupant fled on foot from the vehicle and was apprehended after a short foot pursuit. A search of the vehicle was conducted and an illegally possessed firearm was located inside it. The firearm was reported stolen through the Decatur Police Department.

The 29-year old male driver is a convicted felon and currently on Parole through the Illinois Department of Corrections for Unlawful Possession of Weapon by a Felon. He was booked into the Macon County Jail on the following charges: Aggravated Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Peace Officer, Armed Habitual Criminal, Armed Violence, Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Unlawful Possession of Weapon by a Felon, Possession of a Stolen Firearm, and Resisting/Obstructing a Peace Officer.

The Nissan utilized during the pursuit on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 was the same vehicle involved in the incident on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the intersection of Hickory Street and Lowber Street where the 27-year old driver ran into 1267 E. Hickory Street. The 29-year old driver of the Nissan from the vehicle pursuit was also present at 1267 E. Hickory Street where the two illegally possessed firearms and suspected controlled substances were located.

The Decatur Police Department will continue to remove illegal firearms and violent offenders from the streets.