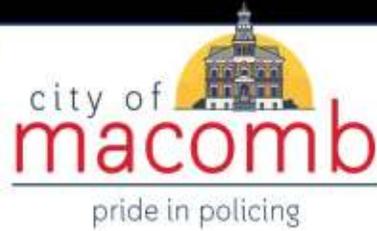


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## MACOMB POLICE DEPARTMENT MAKES ARREST IN RECENT BURGLARIES AND GAMING MACHINE THEFTS

On 07/07/22 at approximately 4:35 p.m. Jefferson Callaghan was arrested by the Macomb Police Department for Burglary, Possession of Stolen Vehicle, and Theft over \$10,000.

Investigators with the Macomb Police Department conducted a 4-month long investigation following multiple burglaries to area businesses and dealerships. Callaghan is suspected in 5 separate burglaries where 3 separate vehicles were taken from these locations along with burglarizing gaming machines and ATM's. The investigation spans from the Illinois/Indiana state line to Iowa. At the time of Callaghan's arrest, he had outstanding burglary warrants for Pike County, Mercer County, and McDonough County.

A search warrant was conducted at Callaghan's residence where several items of evidence were recovered including a loaded firearm. Callaghan is currently lodged at the McDonough County Jail awaiting bond in the amount of \$150,000 (10% to apply). Additional charges are pending.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information or any Law Enforcement Agencies with recent gaming machines or ATM thefts are encouraged to contact Detective Jordan Hawes at 309-833-4505 Ext. 8168

The Macomb Police Department was assisted in the investigation by the Office of Public Safety, Illinois State Police, and the McDonough County States Attorney's Office.

All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in the court of law.

*The Macomb Police Department tirelessly strives to serve our community with equity, transparency, inclusivity, fairness, dignity, and respect. We investigate all matters thoroughly and in an unbiased manner. We value the safety and security of our community members and various stakeholders in our city. At the heart of every public contact is the dedication of every officer. Together we can accomplish everything.*