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Warrants Issued for Robbery 2nd Degree

FLORISSANT, MO- Warrants were issued by the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office on Thursday, May 4th on Willie Spates for the charge of Robbery in the 2nd Degree. The charge is related to an incident that occurred in the morning hours of April 19th in the 1300 blk. of Arlington.

The Florissant Police Department responded to the 1300 blk. of Arlington in reference to a Robbery that just occurred. The victim in this case was an elderly female and she was knocked to the ground during the incident.

The victim advised that a B/M suspect, later identified as:

Willie Spates
B/M 1000 blk. of North 15th street
East St. Louis, IL 62205

Approached her in her driveway and asked for directions. As the victim was helping Spates with directions, Spates struck her in the face with his fist, knocking the victim to the ground. The victim sustained minor injuries from being struck by Spates and falling to the ground. Spates then grabbed the victim's purse and drove away.

Approximately twenty minutes prior to this attack, Florissant Police responded to a similar incident in the 2300 blk. of Johnstown drive in which a B/M approached an elderly woman in her driveway and demanded her purse.

An investigation revealed a witness observed the suspect vehicle and obtained a partial license plate. Florissant Police Detectives also located physical evidence at the scene of the crime.

The Florissant Police Department in conjunction with the Granite City Illinois Police Department (who had similar incidents reported in their venue) conducted a thorough investigation into this matter. The suspect in this case was identified and was apprehended by Investigators from the Florissant Police Department and the Granite City Police Department.



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