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SHORT PURSUIT WITH MINI-BIKE RESULTS IN AN ARREST INVOLVING A DEFACED FIREARM

August 7, 2024 – Kankakee, IL – Shortly after 11pm last night, a Kankakee County Sheriff's Deputy observed an unregistered motorized, mini-bike traveling east on East Court St. As the deputy attempted to initiate a traffic stop, the driver



of the mini-bike fled and attempted to elude the deputy in the area of the Crestlane Apartments. After a brief pursuit, the driver, later identified as 18-year-old, Leiviy C. McAtee, of Kankakee, lost control of the mini-bike as he attempted to cross a curb and subsequently fled on foot. McAtee was taken into custody a short distance away and deputies located a loaded firearm with a defaced serial number.

McAtee was transported to the Jerome Combs Detention Center where he is currently incarcerated on the following charges:

- * *Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon/Loaded/No FCCA/FOID*
- * *Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon/Person/<21*
- * *Attempting to Flee/Elude a Peace Officer*
- * *Resisting a Peace Officer*
- * *Deface Firearm ID Markings*
- * *No Valid Registration/1st and 2nd*

“It’s extremely discouraging that these types of incidents and encounters, particularly with such young defendants, are becoming all too common,” said Sheriff Mike Downey. “While I attempt to remain optimistic that this troubled individual will receive the justice he deserves, I am extremely grateful that the defaced firearm in his possession was removed from our streets preventing any future violence it may have been involved with in the future.”

All Persons are to be Considered Innocent Until Proven Guilty in a Court of Law