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ELGIN MAN FACES MULTIPLE CHARGES FOR ALLEGED DRUG SALES, INJURING OFFICERS IN ESCAPE ATTEMPT

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An Elgin man faces a more than a dozen criminal charges after authorities allege he sold heroin to undercover officers and then rammed two squad cars, injuring two officers, in an attempt to flee his arrest.

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon has charged 23-year-old **Larnell L. Love IV** with the offenses of:

- Unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, Class 1 felony, 5 counts
- Aggravated battery to a peace officer, Class 2 felony, 2 counts
- Criminal damage to government supported property, Class 3 felony, 2 counts
- Unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon, Class 3 felony
- Possession of a firearm without a FOID card, Class 3 felony
- Aggravated fleeing and eluding, Class 4 felony
- Unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, Class A misdemeanor
- Driving while license suspended, Class A misdemeanor

Kane County prosecutors allege in charging documents that five times between Oct. 12, 2018, and Nov. 7, 2018, an undercover officer purchased a total of more than 23 grams of heroin from Love in exchange for a total of \$800. On Nov. 16, 2018, as authorities sought to place Love under arrest during a traffic stop, Love struck two police vehicles with his vehicle, injuring two officers and causing damage to the police vehicles, and then fled in his vehicle. Love's driver's license was suspended. When officers found Love he was unlawfully in possession of a loaded Diamondback .380 caliber handgun that he was prohibited from possessing, as well as a digital scale used to facilitate illegal drug transactions.

Love's next court appearance is set for 9 a.m. Nov. 21, 2018, in front of Circuit Judge Donald M. Tegeler, Jr., in Courtroom 311 at the Kane County Judicial Center. Love remains in the Kane County jail in lieu of \$300,000 bail. If Love posts the \$30,000 bond, he must prove that the source of the bond money is lawful.

The Illinois State Police and the North Central Narcotics Task force conducted the investigation.

The charges against Love are not proof of guilt. Love is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Larnell L. Love IV: Age 23 (d.o.b. 12-23-1994), of the 1200 block of Amanda Circle, Aurora, Illinois. Case No. 18CF2252.