



**March 3, 2025**  
**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**CITATIONS and ARRESTS**

**February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Makenna R. Funneman, 23, Effingham  
Cited: 1757 hours, Douglas Township  
Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle

**February 25, 2025**

Michael J. Lee, 38, Greensboro, NC  
Cited: 2100 Hours, Douglas Township  
Improper Lane Usage

**February 28, 2025**

William M. Evansacosta, 25, Effingham  
Cited: 2007 Hours, Douglas Township  
Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle

**March 2, 2025**

Dakota L. Ward, 29, Shumway  
Cited: 2049 hours, Douglas Township  
Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle

Zachary W. Melvin, 26, Brownstown  
Cited: 1342 hours, Douglas Township  
Driving While Suspended



**March 4, 2025**  
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Sarah A. Varner, 41, Effingham  
Cited: 0759 hours, Douglas Township  
Driving While Suspended

Shaine L. Freeman, 32, Effingham  
Cited: 1222 Hours, Douglas Township  
Operation of Uninsured Motor Vehicle

**March 3, 2025**

Brendan A. Beebe 27, Effingham  
Cited: 0832 hours, Douglas Township  
Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle  
Driving While Suspended



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Nathan S. Sparks, 33, Homeless

Arrested: 0932 hours, Douglas Township

Criminal Trespass to Real Property

Jerry D. Guthrie, 46, Homeless

Arrested: 1438 hours, Douglas Township

Resisting/Obstructing a Peace Officer



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Trent L. Short, 26, Imperial, MO  
Cited: 1528 hours, Douglas Township  
Disobeying Traffic Control Device

**March 5, 2025**

Willis S. Kauffman, 23, Effingham  
Cited: 0711 hours, Douglas Township  
Disobeying Traffic Control Device

Shane J. Bohn, 51, Effingham  
Arrested: 2052 hours, Douglas Township  
Possession of Meth  
Criminal Trespass to Real Property

Jody L. Nosbisch, 59, Effingham  
Arrested: 2052 hours, Douglas Township  
Criminal Trespass to Real Property



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**February 28, 2025**

Corrina J. Young, 44, Sigel  
Cited: 1613 hours, Douglas Township  
Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle

**March 5, 2025**

Andrew L. Splechter, 20, Effingham  
Arrested: 1515 hours, Douglas Township  
No Valid Driver's License  
Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle

Enrique Lerma-Gonzalez, 41, Neoga  
Arrested: 0952 hours, Douglas Township  
No Valid Driver's License



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**February 27, 2025**

Al R. Brustmeyer, 54, Galveston, TX  
Cited: 1056 hours, Douglas Township  
Improper Parking in Roadway

**March 4, 2025**

Nathaniel S. Sparks, 33, Beecher City  
Arrested: 1606 hours, Douglas Township  
Retail Theft  
Criminal Trespass to Real Property

**March 6, 2025**

Emil A. Vische, 57, Ontonagon, MI  
Cited: 1024 hours, Douglas Township  
No Valid Driver's License  
Operating Uninsured Vehicle  
Improper Lane Usage

**March 7, 2025**

Anthony R. Roedl, 25, Altamont  
Cited: 1250 hours, Douglas Township  
Expired Registration



**March 11, 2025**  
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**March 4, 2025**

Crystal R. Snyder, 33, Homeless

Arrested: 0214 hours, Douglas Township

Possession of Methamphetamine

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Unlawful Possession of Hypodermic Needle/Syringe

**March 6, 2025**

Kaleb C. Sapp, 30, Highland

Arrested: 2218 hours, Douglas Township

Driving Under the Influence

**March 7, 2025**

Jason D. Flowers, 50, Beecher City

Arrested: 0454 hours, Douglas Township

No Valid Driver's License

Robert A. Pineda, 41, Effingham

Arrested: 2036 hours, Douglas Township

No Valid Driver's License

Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle

Jacob A. Shelton, 35, Homeless

Arrested: 2144 hours, Douglas Township

Possession of Methamphetamine

**March 9, 2025**

Nicole L. Tolliver, 44, Homeless

Arrested: 2203 hours, Douglas Township

Disorderly Conduct

**March 10, 2025**

Robert E. Lee, 32, Effingham

Cited: 0903 hours, Douglas Township

Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle

Michael D. Munsell, 52, Homeless

Arrested: 2045 hours, Douglas Township

Criminal Trespass to Real Property





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Delbert R. Sheppard, 57, Newton

Arrested: 0943 hours, Douglas Township

Criminal Damage to Property

**March 10, 2025**

Jamie L. Kimsey, 47, Effingham

Arrested: 1529 hours, Douglas Township

Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle

**March 12, 2025**

Jerry D. Guthrie, 46, Homeless

Arrested: 0016 hours, Douglas Township

Criminal Trespass to Real Property

Possession of Methamphetamine

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia



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**March 12, 2025**

Scottie L. Bone, 32, Edgewood

Arrested: 0744 hours, Douglas Township

Driving While License Revoked



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**March 12, 2025**

Jennifer J. Priebe, 47, Marseilles

Cited: 1606 hours, Douglas Township

Littering

Bryan D. Goering, 43, Effingham

Arrested: 1650 hours, Douglas Township

Possession of Methamphetamine

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Jennifer J. Priebe, 47, Marseilles

Cited: 1846 hours, Douglas Township

Pedestrian Under the Influence



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**March 8, 2025**

Brian S. Dennis, 45, Newton

Arrested: 2017 hours, Douglas Township

Criminal Damage to Property

Resisting Peace Officer

Obstructing Identification

**March 13, 2025**

Nate S. Sparks, 33, Homeless

Arrested: 2206 hours, Douglas Township

Retail Theft

Criminal Trespass to Real Property

**March 14, 2025**

James D. Patton II, 21, Vandalia

Arrested: 1053 hours, Douglas Township

Driving while License Suspended

Operating Uninsured

**March 16, 2025**

Isabella R. Gardner, 28, Homeless

Arrested: 1838 hours, Douglas Township

Residential Burglary

2x - Aggravated Battery to a Peace Officer

Resisting Arrest

Theft



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**March 17, 2025**

Simranjeet Singh, 36, Manteca, CA

Arrested: 1949 hours, Douglas Township

Driving Under the Influence

Disobeying Traffic Control Device



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Cotie W. Rhea, 26, Effingham

Cited: 0217 hours, Douglas Township

Driving While License Suspended



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**March 19, 2025**

Nate S. Sparks, 33, Homeless  
Arrested: 1808 hours, Douglas Township  
Criminal Trespass to Real Property

**March 20, 2025**

Nate S. Sparks, 33, Homeless  
Arrested: 1840 hours, Douglas Township  
Criminal Trespass to Real Property

Victor P. Sanchez, 33, Effingham  
Arrested: 2228 hours, Douglas Township  
Domestic Battery

**March 21, 2025**

John N. Vanpelt, 28, Homeless  
Arrested: 1435 hours, Douglas Township  
Driving While License Suspended

Karri J. Edens, 35, Homeless  
Cited: 1644 hours, Douglas Township  
Failure to Yield

Nate S. Sparks, 33, Homeless

Arrested: 1734 hours, Douglas Township

Criminal Trespass to Real Property

Littering

Nate S. Sparks, 33, Homeless

Arrested: 1834 hours, Douglas Township

Reckless Conduct

Carlos Guzman Rodriguez, 28, Effingham

Cited: 2251 hours, Douglas Township

Operating a Motor Vehicle with Suspended Registration

**March 22, 2025**

Maithe C. Rincon, 37, Homeless

Cited: 0301 hours, Douglas Township

Operating a Motor Vehicle with Suspended Registration

**March 23, 2025**

Arabel Gonzalez, 34, Effingham

Arrested: 0207 hours, Douglas Township

Domestic Battery



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**March 23, 2025**

Kyle E. Julius, 42, Effingham

Arrested: 1420 hours, Douglas Township

Battery

Criminal Damage to Property

**March 24, 2025**

Lakhvir Singh, 23, Fremont, CA

Cited: 0732 hours, Douglas Township

Improper Parking on Roadway



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**March 24, 2025**

Brandon S. Cook, 43, Cowden

Arrested: 1356 hours, Douglas Township

Possession of Methamphetamine

Unlawful Possession of Hypodermic Needle/Syringe

**March 25, 2025**

Timothy L. Hardesty, 46, Altamont

Arrested: 1249 hours, Douglas Township

Driving While License Suspended

Fail to Signal When Required

Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle

Dennis A. Scott, 64, Effingham

Arrested: 1326 hours, Douglas Township

Retail Theft

Taylor R. Torres, 23, Effingham

Cited: 2117 hours, Douglas Township

Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle



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**March 26, 2025**

James R. Lowe, 56, Homeless

Arrested: 0922 hours, Douglas Township

Criminal Trespass to Real Property



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**March 26, 2025**

Jeffery A. Domijan, 19, Effingham  
Cited: 1518 hours, Douglas Township  
Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle

**March 27, 2025**

Janet L. McChuen, 61, Watson  
Cited: 1046 hours, Douglas Township  
Disobeying Traffic Control Device

Nate S. Sparks, 33, Homeless  
Arrested: 1347 hours, Douglas Township  
Criminal Trespass to Real Property

Nate S. Sparks, 33, Homeless  
Arrested: 2224 hours, Douglas Township  
Criminal Trespass to Real Property



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**CITATIONS and ARRESTS**

**March 25, 2025**

Natalee B. Adkinson, 25, Effingham  
Cited: 2047 hours, Douglas Township  
Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle

**March 28, 2025**

Matthew W. Koberlein, 37, Effingham  
Arrested: 1139 hours, Douglas Township  
Driving While License Revoked

**March 29, 2025**

Tracy A. Bedwell, 62, Watson  
Arrested: 2051 hours, Douglas Township  
Driving While License Suspended  
Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle





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**MARCH 17, 2025**



### **RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY SUSPECT ARRESTED**

At approximately 6:38 P.M. on March 16, 2025, Effingham Police responded to reports of a suspicious subject who was possibly in a vacant apartment in the 200<sup>th</sup> block of W. Virginia Avenue. Upon arrival, responding officers learned that a female, later identified as Isabella R. Gardner, 28, Homeless, had barricaded herself in the apartment and that no one else was inside.

Gardner refused orders to exit the apartment; Officers then made entry into the apartment, taking Gardner into custody on a Coles County Failure to Appear Warrant for Larceny. Gardner actively resisted Officers during the arrest and kicked two officers before she was placed into a Police squad car; one officer received minor injuries. Gardner sustained no injuries. She was subsequently transported to Effingham County Jail where she was booked for the following charges:



- **Residential Burglary; Class 1 Felony (Conviction carries a sentence of 4-15 years in prison)**
- **2 Counts Aggravated to a Peace Officer; Class 2 Felony**
- **Resisting/Obstructing a Peace Officer; Class 4 Felony**
- **Theft; Class A Misdemeanor**

During the arrest, multiple items which were stolen by Gardner were recovered. Damage was also observed to other items in the residence as well as the interior.

Gardner is being held at Effingham County Jail with no bond and is scheduled to have her first court appearance on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, to determine if she meets the criteria for further detention under the Pre-Trial Fairness Act.

The investigation is on-going and no further information will be released at this time.

Effingham Police Chief Jason McFarland noted that this incident was a collaboration between residents immediately reporting suspicious activity and swift law enforcement action, stating,

“Thanks to the immediate response from our officers, we were able to quickly identify and apprehend the suspect in this residential burglary. This arrest ensures that justice is served and that our community remains safe. We appreciate the

cooperation of residents and urge everyone to remain vigilant and report suspicious activity immediately when it happens. This arrest ensures accountability and brings peace of mind to the affected residents. We remain committed to keeping our community safe and holding those who break the law responsible for their actions."

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***If you see it, say it! The Effingham Police Department encourages you to call the Police Department immediately at 217-347-0774 to report suspicious activity in your neighborhood or business district. Information can be given anonymously by calling the CRIME STOPPERS Tip Line at 217-347-6583. Anonymous callers can receive up to \$1,000 cash rewards.***