



# EFFINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## SPECIAL NEWS RELEASE

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***ALL INDIVIDUALS LISTED AS ARRESTED OR ISSUED A CITATION ARE  
INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY IN A COURT OF LAW***

### HOME INVASION YIELDS THREE ARRESTS

Three people from Effingham have been arrested and a fourth suspect sought in connection with a home invasion which occurred October 29, 2019 in the 1200<sup>th</sup> block of N. Merchant. At approximately 3:08 A.M. Effingham Police responded to a report of a disturbance which involved possible weapons. Upon arrival, Officers discovered that multiple unknown subjects had just forced their way into an apartment, stolen items, threatened residents at the apartment, damaged a vehicle and then left the area. Officers canvassed the surrounding area but were unable to immediately locate any suspects.

During the ensuing investigation, four suspects were identified and three were subsequently interviewed on October 30, 2019 after which they were taken into custody and booked into the Effingham County Jail on the following charges:



**Zion E. Mace, 18, Effingham**

Home Invasion, Class X Felony

Criminal Damage to Property, Class A Misdemeanor



**Caillou R. Repp, 18, Effingham**

Home Invasion, Class X Felony



**Noah A. Rebollo, 20, Effingham**  
Home Invasion, Class X Felony

A Class X Felony for Home Invasion carries a sentence of 6-30 years in prison if convicted. All three remain in custody and will have a hearing today, Friday, November 1, 2019, to set bond. Effingham Police are seeking a warrant through the Effingham County State's Attorney for the fourth suspect.

Effingham Police Chief Jason McFarland stated this was an isolated case. "Our investigation has determined that this was not a random crime – the suspects allegedly targeted this residence in retaliation because of a prior dispute. As such, we believe there is no further threat to other members of the general public stemming from this, and no one was injured during this incident." Chief McFarland went on to praise the fast response from all Law Enforcement Agencies. "This is a great example of the teamwork amongst Law Enforcement in our County. When an Agency is dispatched to a serious threat such as this, all available Officers, Deputies and Troopers respond to aid those in need. In this instance, Effingham City Officers and Effingham County Sheriff's Deputies responded and were in the area within three minutes of being dispatched. This cooperation between departments is essential and helps provide safety to our community."

*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.*