SIUE Police Charge 3 From St. Louis With Unlawful Weapon Possession

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EDWARDSVILLE – Three St. Louis residents were charged on the same day with illegal possession of weapons in cases presented by SIUE Police.

The following individuals were each charged on Nov. 18, 2026 with one count each of aggravated unlawful possession of weapons, each Class 4 felonies:

1. Brittany N. Banks, age 32

2. Deonte D. Beals, age 23

3. Cynthia M. Williams, age 25

The charges against all three individuals were filed in Madison County court and stem from alleged offenses dating back to Aug. 3, 2026.

Banks is accused of knowingly carrying a Walther P22 firearm in a motor vehicle which was uncased, loaded and immediately accessible at the time of the offense on Aug. 3, 2026. Her possession of the weapon was unlawful as she had not been issued a valid Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) card.

On Aug. 13, 2026, Beals allegedly knowingly carried a Glock 23 handgun in a motor vehicle which was uncased, loaded and immediately accessible at the time, when he also reportedly had no valid Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) card or concealed carry license (CCL).

Also on Aug. 13, Williams reportedly knowingly carried a Glock 43 handgun in a motor vehicle which was uncased, loaded and immediately accessible at the time of the offense, when she had not been issued a valid Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) card or concealed carry license (CCL).

The SIUE Police Department presented each of the cases against Banks, Beals and Williams to prosecutors. Each have since been ordered by a judge to be released from custody pending trial.

All individuals charged are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.