



# ELLETTSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## MEDIA RELEASE



### ELLETTSVILLE POLICE ARREST MAN FOR ROBBERY

ELLETTSVILLE, IN (June 1, 2026): On Friday, May 29, 2026, at approximately 8:08 AM, the Ellettsville Police Department responded to a disturbance on West September Drive. A 75-year-old female resident called 911 and reported a male suspect not known to her came to her residence in a blue Ford pickup truck and assaulted her 78-year-old husband. The male suspect then reportedly assaulted an 80-year-old female neighbor and forcefully took property from her before fleeing in the blue Ford pickup truck.

Officers from the Ellettsville Police Department developed a suspect and were able to identify the vehicle and the male suspect's identity using a variety of investigative techniques. The male suspect was identified as 54-year-old Brian Blake of Bloomington, IN.

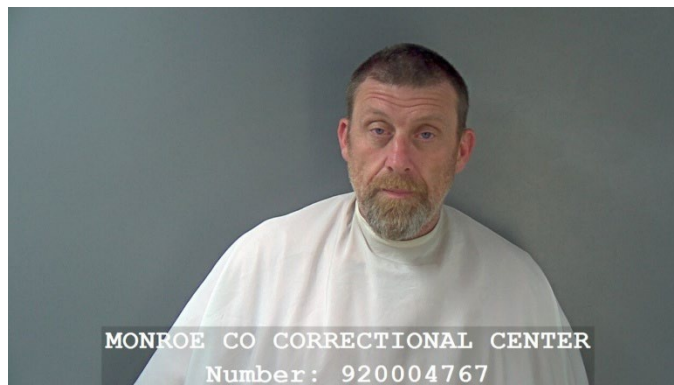
At approximately 2:27 PM, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office located the suspect's vehicle near 17<sup>th</sup> Street/Arlington Road in Bloomington, IN. Deputies attempted to stop the blue Ford pickup truck and were able to confirm the driver was Blake. The vehicle stopped briefly before fleeing. Deputies and Officers from multiple other departments pursued the vehicle as it traveled west on State Road 48 and then north on State Road 43 into Owen County, IN. The suspect fled north on State Road 43 to State Road 46 and then fled east on State Road 46 back into Monroe County, IN. A Deputy from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office successfully deployed a tire deflation device before the vehicle traveled off the roadway in the 7700 block of West State Road 46. A Trooper from the Indiana State Police used a Precision Immobilization Technique (PIT) maneuver to immobilize the vehicle and Blake was subsequently taken into custody without further incident.

Blake was transported to the Monroe County Correctional Center and booked for the following in relation to the incident in Ellettsville:

- Robbery, a Level 5 felony,
- Theft - Prior Conviction, a Level 6 felony,
- Battery - Resulting in Bodily Injury, a Class A misdemeanor,
- and Battery, a Class B misdemeanor.

Additionally, Blake was booked for Resisting Law Enforcement, a Level 5 felony, by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

All charges are merely accusations, and all defendants are innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.



*Brian Blake*

*Booking Photo Courtesy of the Monroe County Correctional Center*