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Chatham County Police Department Arrests Man Accused of Using AI to Facilitate Attempted Fraud

Arrest Marks First Time Artificial Intelligence Has Been Linked to Criminal Activity in a CCPD Case

Chatham County, GA (September 10, 2026) – The Chatham County Police Department has arrested a man believed to have used Artificial Intelligence (AI) to help create fraudulent accounts used as part of a scam. The arrest marks the first time that the Chatham County Police Department has linked the use of AI to a criminal case in its jurisdiction.

On September 7, 2026, the Chatham County Police Department arrested 20-year-old Dieon Cornelius Love and charged him with criminal attempt to commit a misdemeanor. Love is accused of posing as a delivery driver picking up an order from a major national retail location in Chatham County. Investigators believe Love used AI to create fake accounts in an effort to make fraudulent orders appear legitimate. Managers at the retailer recognized the fraudulent activity before handing over any merchandise, and quickly called police.

“Technology is moving at breakneck speed, and AI adds a new and uncharted element to criminal activity,” said Chatham County Police Chief Jeff Hadley. “In this case, the retailer picked up red flags and alerted law enforcement. This is a good reminder to all of us to question anything that seems off or doesn’t feel right – especially when it deals with money, valuables, or personal information.”

The Chatham County Police Department received assistance from the FBI in connection with the investigation.

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