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INFORMATION RELEASE

DATE & TIME **09/30/11 9:04 PM**

Bureau: **Investigative Services Bureau**

Authorized Supervisor: **Lt. Marc Welsh**

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Incident: **Armed Robbery**

MESSAGE

On Tuesday September 27th, 2011 shortly after 12:30 PM, Rockford Police Officers responded to the 100 block of N. 1st Street in reference to an Armed Robbery investigation. Officers were advised the suspect approached the victim riding an orange BMX style bicycle, displayed a handgun and demanded the victim's belongings.

Rockford Police Detectives conducted follow up investigation on the incident. The facts of the investigation were reviewed with the Winnebago County States Attorney's Office who authorized the following charges:

Robert J. Phinnessee , 17, Rockford

Armed Robbery

An arrest warrant was issued for Phinnessee.

A photograph of Phinnessee is not being released at this time due to the ongoing nature of the investigation

Phinnessee is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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