



## ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# ARREST RELEASE

**DATE & TIME**      **08/17/12 3:51 PM**

**Bureau:**              **Investigative Services Bureau**

**Authorized Supervisor:**    **Lt. Marc Welsh**

**Phone:**                **(815)967-6976**

**Incident:**              **Bank Robbery/arrest**

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### MESSAGE

On August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at approximately 1:30 PM, members of the Rockford Police Department responded to the Hilander Store located at 1715 Rural Street in reference to an Armed Robbery to the BMO Harris Bank inside the business. Officers were advised the suspect fled the scene after the robbery in a blue pick up truck. The blue pick up truck was located with the interior on fire in the 700 block of N. Highland Avenue. A Rockford Police Officer was able to extinguish the fire. The pick up truck had been recently stolen in Rockford.

Officers received additional information that the suspect fled from the blue pick up truck in a tan Buick of Oldsmobile. Officers located the suspect vehicle and a short vehicle pursuit ensued. Officers lost the vehicle in the area of 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. A short time later, officers located the suspect vehicle in a garage in the 1100 block of 21<sup>st</sup> Place. The suspect, Michael O. Fryer, was located in a residence in the 1100 block of 2<sup>nd</sup> Place where he was placed under arrest on an unrelated arrest warrant.

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

**Michael O. Fryer, 29 years of age, Rockford, Illinois**  
**Armed Robbery**  
**Aggravated Robbery**

The charges against Fryer are merely accusations. He is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Due to the ongoing nature of the investigation, a photograph of Fryer is not being released at this time.

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