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ARREST RELEASE

ROCKFORD, Ill. – On September 4, 2016, members of the Rockford Specialized Community Oriented Police Enforcement Team were on patrol in the area of 6th Avenue and 11th Street when they observed a vehicle driving recklessly. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle however the driver did not initially comply. Upon reaching the intersection of 6th Avenue and 14th Street, the driver stopped his vehicle in the middle of the intersection. As the officers pulled in behind the vehicle to effect the traffic stop, the driver suddenly put the vehicle in reverse and collided with the squad car. Both vehicles sustained minor damage.

Officers made contact with the driver, who was identified as 21-year-old Chaz A. Liendo. Neither Liendo nor the officers suffered any injuries. Liendo was found to be in possession of a switchblade knife. Liendo was charged with the listed offenses:

**Unlawful Use of a Weapon
Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
Numerous traffic offenses**

Liendo was lodged in the Winnebago County Jail. A photo of Liendo is attached.

This is an active investigation and no further information is available for release at this time. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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All charges are merely allegations and parties are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

