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ARREST RELEASE

ROCKFORD, Ill. – On September 27, 2016, 22-year-old Lanair Jones-Sullivan was shot and killed in the 1400 block of Birch Court. Rockford Police Department detectives conducted a follow-up investigation into the murder and the results were reviewed by the Winnebago County State’s Attorney’s Office. As a result, charges were authorized and a warrant was obtained for the suspect, Demario Thompson.

ARRESTED: Demario Thompson 23-years-old Rockford, IL
CHARGE: First Degree Murder
BOND: \$1,500,000

On October 21, 2016, Rockford Police detectives determined that Thompson was inside an apartment in the 2900 block of Conklin Drive. Numerous officers and investigators, including the Rockford Police Department SWAT Team and Hostage Negotiators, responded to the scene. Thompson subsequently surrendered without further incident.

Thompson was later lodged in the Winnebago County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond. A photo of Thompson is attached.

“This arrest is the result of the Rockford Police Department’s dedicated commitment to bring violent offenders to justice,” said Chief Dan O’Shea.

This is an ongoing investigation. No further information is available at this time. Additional information may 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.

