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ARREST RELEASE

ROCKFORD, Ill. – On August 8, 2016, members of the Rockford Police Department Specialized Community Oriented Police Enforcement (SCOPE) team were on patrol in the area of 15th Avenue and Seminary Street when they observed a vehicle driving without its headlights on turn onto Sun Court in the Blackhawk Housing Development. Members of the SCOPE team attempted to stop the vehicle but the driver began to elude officers. The vehicle continued westbound across the 15th Avenue Bridge and ultimately crashed into a tree in the 2200 block of Holland Street. Three subjects exited the vehicle and fled from officers on foot. Members of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Police Department arrived to assist and located the driver of the vehicle in the parking lot of the 700 block of Marchesano Street. The driver was identified as 18-year-old Rockford resident, Elisha G. Ford. Ford was found to be in possession of a quantity of marijuana and money. A second suspect, a 17-year-old juvenile male, was also apprehended at the scene. The third suspect is still at large. There were two females who had remained inside the vehicle. The following is a list of arrestees and subsequent charges:

Elisha G. Ford, Age 18

**Charges: Violation of the Cannabis Control Act-Possession with Intent to Deliver
Endangering the Life and Health of a Child
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Child
Resisting
Contempt of Court Warrant
Numerous traffic charges**

Juvenile, Age 17

Charge: Resisting

Ford was lodged in the Winnebago County Jail. The male juvenile was released to his parents. The two female passengers were released without charge.

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





Due to the on-going nature of this investigation, a photo of Ford will not be released.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Rockford Police Department at 779-500-6500 or Crime Stoppers 815-963-7867.

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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