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## **ARREST RELEASE**

**ROCKFORD, Ill.** – On August 4, 2016, members of the Rockford Police Department Specialized Community Oriented Police Enforcement (SCOPE) team were on patrol when they observed the driver of a Ford SUV disobey a traffic control sign at West Street and Cunningham Street. Officers conducted a traffic stop. Officers observed a male passenger exit the vehicle, holding what appeared to be an opened bottle of alcohol. As officers attempted to speak with the male passenger, he suddenly fled from officers on foot. After a brief foot chase, the suspect was apprehended in the 700 block of Sanford Street. He was identified as 29-year-old Markevin Harvey of Rockford. Officers discovered a handgun on Harvey's person. Two other subjects were located inside the vehicle, a female driver and a female passenger. The driver was issued a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. The female passenger was released without charge. Harvey was charged with the following offenses:

**Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon  
Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon  
Resisting Arrest  
Violation of the Firearm Owner's Identification Card Act  
Illegal Transportation of Alcohol**

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

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

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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