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ARREST RELEASE

ROCKFORD, Ill. – On August 5, 2016, members of the Rockford Police Department Specialized Community Oriented Police Enforcement (SCOPE) team were on patrol in the 800 block of Bruce Street when they observed an SUV traveling at a high rate of speed. Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop however the lone male driver did not stop. The vehicle continued driving at a high rate of speed in an apparent attempt to elude officers. The driver lost control of the vehicle in the area of Custer Avenue and Kilburn Avenue. He drove onto the lawn of a residence in the 3000 block of Custer Avenue where it struck a fire hydrant. The driver exited the vehicle and fled from officers on foot. After a brief foot chase the suspect was apprehended in the area of the 3000 block of Lawndale Avenue. He was identified as 21-year-old Rockford resident, Tyrice Morgan. Morgan was found to be in possession of a firearm. Officers also located a quantity of crack cocaine in the vehicle. Morgan was charged with the following offenses:

- Armed Violence**
- Violation of the Controlled Substance Act**
- Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon**
- Unlawful Use of Weapon by a Felon**
- Violation of the Firearm Owner’s Identification Card Act**
- Aggravated Fleeing to Elude**
- Resisting Arrest**
- Various Traffic offenses**

Morgan was lodged in the Winnebago County Jail. A picture of the suspect 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.

