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### **ARREST RELEASE**

**ROCKFORD, ILL.** – On Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at approximately 11:14 a.m., Rockford Police officers responded to the 900 block of School Street in reference to shots fired. When the officers arrived, they learned a vehicle that had been parked in a parking lot was struck by gun fire. The vehicle was occupied by Deonta Newton, age 28, at the time of the shooting and it was learned Deonta, who is on parole, was in possession of a handgun. Deonta left the area in the damaged vehicle. Officers located Deonta and the vehicle a short time later and a handgun was recovered.

Deonta was charged with Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon and Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Gang Member.

Deonta was lodged in the Winnebago County Jail.

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

