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INFORMATION RELEASE

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Incident: Armed Robbery investigation

MESSAGE

On Saturday October 1st, 2011 shortly after 10:30 PM, Rockford Police Officers responded to Marie's Pizza in the 1500 block of Charles Street in reference to an Armed Robbery investigation with shots fired. Once at the scene, officers learned that four suspects had entered the business, and one suspect had pointed a handgun at the owner. A struggle began. An off-duty Winnebago County Sheriff's Police Deputy that was in the business at the time of the Armed Robbery fired shots at the suspects. All four suspects were struck by gunshots. One of the suspects was pronounced dead at the scene, and the other three suspects are being treated at area hospitals. The names of the suspects and deputy are being withheld at this time while an investigation takes place.

Anyone with information concerning this incident should contact the Shift Commander at (815)987-5824.

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