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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 located 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. The other three suspects are being treated at area hospitals. The following are the names of the suspects involved in the incident:

Desmond Bellmon, 23 years of age, Rockford, Il.
Brandon Sago, 22 years of age, Rockford, Il.
Lamar Coates, 23 years of age, Rockford, Il.
Deceased male, 16 years of age, Rockford, Il.

Anybody with information concerning this incident, please contact the Rockford Police Shift Commander at (815)987-5824 or Lt. Marc Welsh at (815)967-6976.

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