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## **ARREST RELEASE**

**ROCKFORD, Ill.** – On Monday, October 31, 2016 at approximately 6:30 p.m., patrol officers from the Rockford Police Department responded to several incidents on the city’s southeast side involving a group of 15-20 teenagers roaming the area.

The first incident occurred near the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 15<sup>th</sup> Street where the group of teenagers blocked the street, causing a 36-year-old motorist to stop. A black male teenager from the group, who was armed with a baseball bat, then opened the driver’s door and demanded money. When the driver refused, the black male suspect struck the victim with the bat. The suspect then took the victim’s cell phone. A black female suspect then opened the passenger door and reached into the vehicle to take the keys from the ignition. The victim then got out of the vehicle and fled the scene on foot. The victim’s vehicle was located parked in the middle of the street at the scene.

The second incident occurred near the intersection of Charles Street and 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue where the group of teenagers approached a 17-year-old bicyclist. A black male teenager from the group struck the victim with his fists and took the bicycle. The victim was transported to the hospital where he was treated for minor injuries.

The final incident occurred when officers responded to the parking lot of the Stop-N-Go, 2211 Charles Street, in reference to the group of teenagers in the parking lot blocking access and harassing motorists. When officers arrived the group of teenagers fled on foot. Officers pursued the suspects and were able to take several subjects into custody. As a result four teenage suspects, three males and one female, were arrested.

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





**ARRESTED:** Male, 15 Rockford, IL  
**CHARGES:** Robbery  
Mob Action  
Disorderly Conduct  
Resisting/Obstructing Police

**ARRESTED:** Female, 14 Rockford, IL  
**CHARGES:** Mob Action  
Disorderly Conduct  
Resisting/Obstructing Police

**ARRESTED:** Male, 15 Rockford, IL  
**CHARGE:** Resisting/Obstructing Police

**ARRESTED:** Male, 13 Rockford, IL  
**CHARGE:** Resisting/Obstructing Police

One of the 15-year-old males was lodged in the Winnebago County Juvenile Detention Center and the other three suspects were released to their parents. Names are not being released due to the age of the suspects. No photos are available.

Detectives from the Rockford Police Department are continuing to investigate these incidents. No further information is available at this time.

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