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### **ARREST RELEASE**

**ROCKFORD, Ill.** – On Thursday, August 18, 2016 patrol officers from the Rockford Police Department responded to the 400 block of 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. in reference to a subject armed with a handgun. When they arrived they located two subjects near the intersection of 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Garden Ct. One of the subjects was holding the second subject at gun point. Officers were able to secure both subjects as well as the handgun.

During the investigation officers learned that the armed subject was the owner of a building in the 400 block of 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. He had discovered that the building had been burglarized and located the suspect, later identified as 35 year old Justin Deleon, inside. The owner, who was in lawful possession of the handgun, attempted to detain Deleon until the police could arrive however Deleon attempted to flee on foot. The owner chased Deleon to the intersection of 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Garden Ct. where Deleon stopped in front of a vehicle from Securitas security.

Detectives from the Rockford Police Department conducted a follow-up investigation into the incident. The owner of the building was released without charge. Deleon was charged with Burglary and lodged in the Winnebago County Jail. The charge against Deleon is merely an accusation and he should be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. A photo of Deleon is attached electronically to this press release.

No further information is available at this time.

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

