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### ARREST RELEASE

\*\*\* UPDATE \*\*\*

**ROCKFORD, Ill.** – On Wednesday, August 17, 2016 shortly after 8:00 p.m. patrol officers from the Rockford Police Department responded to the 1500 block of 7<sup>th</sup> Street in reference to a shooting incident. When they arrived officers located the first victim, **later identified as 24 year old Gary Edgeston of Rockford**, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds to his leg. A second victim, **later identified as 28 year old Wesley Smith of Belvidere**, was later located in the 1100 block of Broadway suffering from gunshot wounds to his hand and leg. Both victims were transported to local hospitals where they were treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Detectives from the Rockford Police Department conducted a follow-up investigation into the incident and the results were reviewed by the Winnebago County State’s Attorney’s Office. As a result, a warrant was issued for the suspect, **28 year old Alex Boose of Rockford**, for Attempted Murder, two counts of Aggravated Battery with a Firearm, and one count of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm.

On Monday, August 22, 2016 detectives located Alex Boose in a vehicle in the 800 block of S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, where he was taken into custody without incident. Boose was subsequently lodged in the Winnebago County Jail. Photos of Boose are not available at this time due to the on-going nature of the investigation.

**ARRESTED:** Alex Boose 28 years old Rockford, IL  
**CHARGES:** Attempted Murder  
Aggravated Battery with a Firearm (two counts)  
Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm  
**BOND:** \$500,000

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

