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ARREST RELEASE

On Monday, **June 22, 2015** Patrol Officers from the Rockford Police Dept. responded to **Gene's Place Bar**, 4412 Manchester Dr., in reference to a shooting investigation. When they arrived, officers learned that the 28 year old male victim had been involved in a physical confrontation with the suspect, Blayne F. Higgins. During the confrontation Higgins shot the victim once in the abdomen. The victim was transported to a local hospital where he is being treated for non-life threatening injures. The name of the victim is not being released due to the on-going nature of the investigation.

Detectives from the Rockford Police Dept. conducted a follow-up investigation into the incident and the results were reviewed with the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office. As a result, Aggravated Battery with a Firearm charges were authorized against Higgins. He was then lodged in the Winnebago County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bail.

Arrested: Blayne F. Higgins 40 years old Rockford, IL

Charge: Aggravated Battery with a Firearm

The charges against Higgins are merely accusations and not evidence of his guilt. As with defendants in all criminal cases, Higgins is considered innocent unless proven guilty in court.



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