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ARREST RELEASE

On June 8, 2016 at approximately 9:00 pm Rockford Police M3 Officers were in the 600 block of S 3rd St. when they observed Marc Bell standing outside of the residence. Officers recognized Bell as being wanted in reference to the Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking at Charles and 20th Street on June 3, 2016.

Officers approached Bell and took him into custody and discovered a .40 caliber Glock 22, with a 30 round magazine lying on the ground next to him. A second subject, later identified as Emmanuel Thornton fled on foot as officers approached.

Thornton was taken into custody when approached by Rockford Police K-9 Frank. Thornton was wanted on several warrants, including the Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking at Charles and 20th Street.

Both Bell and Thornton were standing next to a Buick Lacrosse that contained a stolen Taurus 1911 .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun and 19.8 grams of cannabis.

Arrested:

Marc Bell, 22 years old, Rockford resident

Charges:

Warrants: Aggravated Fleeing to Elude and Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking.

Arrested:

Emmanuel Thornton, 22 years old, Rockford resident.

Charges:

Warrants: Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking, Aggravated Fleeing to Elude, Aggravated Discharge of Firearm, Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon and Fleeing to Elude. He was also charged with Resisting Arrest for his capture last night.



The charges against Bell and Thornton are accusations and they are considered innocent until proven guilty.

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