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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **ARREST RELEASE**

On Monday September 28, 2015 at about 2:15 p.m., Rockford Police Officers responded to Crusader Community Health at 1100 Broadway for a report of a man with a gun inside the building and there were shots fired. Upon arrival, Officers encountered numerous patients and staff members fleeing from the building and learned the gunman was on the second floor. Officers immediately entered the building and located the armed suspect, 36-year-old Steven Dummer of Rochelle, in a second floor waiting room threatening suicide. The officers secured the immediate area and began negotiation with Dummer. As other officers arrived to assist, including officers from the Rockford Police Department, Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, and Rockford Park District, they secured the exterior of the building and conducted an evacuation. Rockford Police negotiators responded and they negotiated with Dummer for about four hours before Dummer surrendered to officers without further incident. Rosecrance Health Network crisis counsellors responded and stood-by at the scene as expert resources for negotiators.

Rockford Fire Department transported Dummer to a local hospital where he was medically cleared before being transported to the Winnebago County Jail and lodged in lieu of a \$100,000 bond. Dummer faces charges of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm and Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapons, and Dummer should be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

The rapid response and preparation of Crusader Community Health employees followed by an effective response by the Police Department and partnering agencies led to a peaceful resolution to this very critical incident with no injuries to anyone involved.

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