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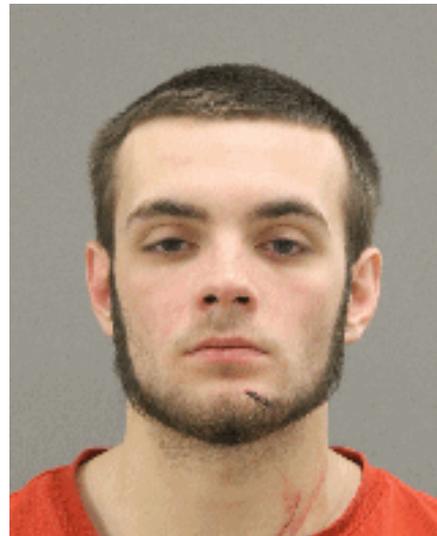
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ARREST RELEASE

On Monday April 4, 2016, at about 5:25 p.m., Rockford Police Officers responded to the 1400 block of East State Street for a report of an in-progress armed robbery to a citizen. Upon arrival, the officers located witnesses who immediately provided a suspect description, which was broadcasted to officers in the area. Officers spotted the suspect near Summit Street and Crosby Street where they confronted him. He fled on foot and officers pursued him through the neighborhood until they apprehended him in the 100 block of Summit Street. They identified the suspect as 23-year-old Dylan Myers of Rockford.

The victim, a 55-year-old Rockford man, was not injured during the incident. He reported he was walking eastbound in the 1400 block of East State Street when the suspect approached him, pointed a small handgun at him, and demanded money. The victim pulled out a cellular telephone and the suspect fled northbound.



Officers continued the investigation and located additional witnesses as well as a discarded Beretta .25 caliber handgun. Myers was a previously convicted felon and the City of Rockford held a valid Aggravated Battery warrant for his arrest on an unrelated case with a \$50,000 bond.



Myers was charged with Attempt Armed Robbery with a Firearm, Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon, No Firearm Owner's Identification, and Resisting a Police Officer. Myers should be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

The officers' courageous response and thorough investigation, facilitated by concerned members of the community who were willing to get involved, led to the quick apprehension of this suspect and another violent offender being removed from the street.

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