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ARREST RELEASE

On Sunday August 2, 2015 at about 10:40 p.m., Rockford Police District 2 Officers responded to the 1100 block of 13th Street for a report of a shooting victim. Upon arrival, they located a 22 year old Rockford man suffering from a gunshot wound to the left wrist and upper back. Rockford Fire Department transported the victim to a local hospital, where he remains in stable condition.

District 2 Detectives initiated an investigation into the incident and learned the victim had been robbed of a cell phone and shot during the incident, which is believed to be drug related. The investigation led to the issuance of arrest warrants for two suspects, who were apprehended by Detectives and Patrol Officers on August 7th, 2015:

Dylan R. Denham, 21 year old Rockford resident – Charges: Armed Robbery (2 counts), Aggravated Battery with a Firearm, Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon
Bond - \$500,000

Dennis J. Mertz, 21 year old Rockford resident – Charges: Armed Robbery
Bond - \$100,000

Both suspects were lodged in the Winnebago County Jail pending arraignment. The charges against them are merely accusations and they should be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



This is an active investigation and anyone with information related to this case is encouraged to contact Rockford Police Department District 2 Detectives at 815-961-3214 or Crimestoppers at 815-963-7867.

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