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### *ARREST RELEASE*

On Thursday November 9, 2015 at about 7:45 p.m., Rockford Police Officers responded to the Walgreen's Pharmacy at 1602 Kishwaukee Street for a report of an armed robbery to the business. A concerned citizen outside the business reported a masked man entered the business with a handgun. Upon arrival, the masked suspect had fled from the scene after robbing the clerk of an undisclosed amount of cash and tobacco products at gunpoint. The officers immediately determined neither the clerk nor anyone in the business was injured, and then gathered a description of the offender which they broadcasted to other officers in the area. Officers in the area detained a suspect matching the description a short distance away and recovered a full-sized black BB gun, cash, and tobacco products from the business.

The follow-up investigation led the arrest of the following person on the listed charges:

Percy Baker, 52, Rockford

Charge: Armed Robbery

The charge against Mr. Baker is merely an allegation and he should be considered innocent until proven guilty in court of law.



Due to the prompt action of a concerned citizen and the coordination of the responding officers, this serious crime led to a quick arrest and a violent offender being taken off the street.



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