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ARREST RELEASE

On Thursday, September 17, 2015, shortly before 10:00 p.m. Patrol Officers from the Rockford Police Dept. responded to the **Road Ranger** gas station at **5330 E. State St.** in reference to an Armed Robbery. When they arrived, officers learned that a white male suspect had entered the business armed with a knife. The suspect demanded money from the cashier and fled after receiving an undisclosed amount of currency.

Detectives from the Rockford Police Department conducted a follow-up investigation and the results were reviewed with the Winnebago County State's Attorney Office. As a result, charges were authorized and a warrant was obtained for the suspect, **Lance J. Wehrheim, 32 years old of Rockford.** On Tuesday, September 22, 2015 Wehrheim was taken into custody and lodged in the Winnebago County Jail where he is being held on a \$200,000 bond.

Detectives continue to investigate the possible connection between this incident and two similar robberies which occurred at the **Panino's** restaurant, **5403 E. State St.**, on September 18th and 19th respectively.

The charges against Wehrheim are merely accusations and not evidence of his guilt. As with defendants in all criminal cases, Wehrheim is considered innocent unless proven guilty in court.

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