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### *INFORMATION RELEASE*

On 04/20/2016 at 3:01pm the Rockford Police Department responded to an armed robbery that occurred at the Chase Bank, 4425 Harrison Avenue.

Upon officer's arrival, it was learned that a male approached one of the bank tellers inside that bank and asked to make a withdrawal. The male then produced a bag and displayed a handgun. The teller surrendered an undisclosed amount of United States Currency to the suspect. The suspect fled the scene in a silver minivan. The minivan was last seen south bound on South Alpine Road from the bank's parking lot.

The suspect was later identified as, Edward Everett Johnson III, described as a black male, approximately 31 years of age, 6'6, 250lbs, with a scruffy beard. He was last seen wearing a tan baseball cap, dark windbreaker and dark pants.

The suspect vehicle which was later identified as a silver Chrysler Town and County Minivan which has been located and impounded.

This case has been reviewed by the Winnebago County States Attorney Office and an arrest warrant for Edward Everett Johnson III was issued. Johnson is currently wanted on a \$500,000.00 arrest warrant for armed robbery.

This case continues to be investigated by the Rockford Police Department and the FBI. Anyone with information is urged to call the Rockford Police Department at 815-966-2900 or Crime Stoppers at 815-963-7867.



The charges against Edward Everett Johnson III are merely accusations and he is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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