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### **ARREST RELEASE**

**ROCKFORD, ILL.** – On Monday, August 8, 2016 shortly after 2:00 a.m. patrol officers from the Rockford Police Department responded to the Corner Store, 3002 Kishwaukee Street, in reference to an Armed Robbery investigation. When they arrived, officers learned that one of the employees was robbed at gunpoint in the parking lot shortly after closing the business for the night. The suspect was described as a black male, armed with a handgun, who fled the scene on foot following the robbery.

Detectives from the Rockford Police Department conducted a follow-up investigation into the incident and the results were reviewed by the Winnebago County State’s Attorney’s Office. As a result, charges were authorized and a warrant was issued for the suspect, 29 year old Keith Rupert of Rockford.

On Tuesday, August 23, 2016 Rupert was taken into custody on the warrant and lodged in the Winnebago County Jail. A photo of Rupert is attached electronically to this press release.

**ARRESTED:** Keith Rupert 29 years old Rockford, IL  
**CHARGE:** Armed Robbery  
**BOND:** \$500,000

No further information is available at this time.

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All charges are merely allegations and parties are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

