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ARREST RELEASE

For the past several weeks Rockford Fire Department Personnel have been investigating numerous fires set in and around the downtown area. In the past week Rockford Police Department Personnel have been investigating the intentional damage done to electric meters to buildings in and around the downtown area. Rockford Fire Investigators and Rockford Police Personnel conducted a joint investigation and were able to identify a 60 year old homeless man as a potential suspect. Today that suspect was located and interviewed.

The suspect is identified and charged as follows:

Donald E. Richardson Age 60

Rockford Fire Charge: Aggravated Arson

Rockford Police Charge: Felony Criminal Damage to Property

There is no bond pending an appearance before a judge.

Today's charges are only two of the numerous incidents that occurred. The remaining un-charged incidents remain under investigation and further charges are possible.

A photo is not available at this time due to the remaining open investigations. These charges are mere accusations and the suspect is presumed innocent unless found guilty in court.



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