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ARREST RELEASE

On Monday September 8, 2014, Rockford Police Department District 2 officers responded to the 1700 block of 8th Street to investigate several calls of shots fired. Several calls were made to police radio and officers patrolling the neighborhood also heard gunfire. Officer conducted an investigation and determined shots had been fired outside of an apartment building located at 1721 8th Street.

A search of the lower apartment was conducted and officers recovered (2) firearms, firearm ammunition, Heroin, Cannabis and United States currency. Officers made contact with two occupants of the lower apartment, who were both on parole. Both subjects were arrested and charged with the following criminal offenses:

Dashon Ward, 30 years old, Rockford

Bernard Barnes, 27 years old, Rockford

Charges:

- Possession with the Intent to Deliver Heroin within a 1000' of a church
- Possession with the intent to Deliver Heroin
- Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon
- Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapons
- No Firearm Owners Identification Card (FOID)

Ward and Barnes are presumed innocent unless convicted in a court of law.

According to WinGis, the property located at 1721 8th Street is owned by Paresh Kumar, who resides in La Puente, California.



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