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ARREST RELEASE

On January 3rd, 2016 Rockford Police Officers responded to the 1100 block of Chestnut Street for a shooting. Officers arrived and located a victim who had been shot. The victim was transported to a local hospital where he died.

Detectives investigated this murder and reviewed the facts of the case with the Winnebago County States Attorney's Office who then authorized charges of First Degree Murder and Armed Habitual Criminal against the suspect, Dashon Ward.

Detectives learned Ward fled the Rockford area after the murder. Detectives then contacted the U.S. Marshalls Service who assisted in locating and arresting Ward on his warrant and charges. On March 4th the U.S. Marshall Service arrested Ward in the area of Columbus, Georgia. He was lodged in a Georgia jail in lieu of his Rockford charges. He now awaits the extradition process to determine when he will be returned to Rockford.

Rockford Detectives travelled to Georgia to continue the investigation.

A photo of Ward is attached to this press release. Ward is considered innocent unless proven guilty in court.

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