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ARREST RELEASE

On Friday, March 6, 2015, District 1 officers of the Rockford Police Department responded to a residence in the 900 block of Irving in reference to a building check. A concerned citizen reported seeing subjects entering a vacant building. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the arrestee, later identified as Joshua Hembree. Officers were able to gain entry into the residence and located the victim, Jesse Salinas, suffering from a stab wound. Salinas reported being stabbed and held against his will by Hembree.

The case was reviewed with the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office and charges were authorized against Hembree for attempted murder, aggravated unlawful restraint and aggravated battery. Salinas was treated and released from a local hospital.

The charges against Hembree are merely accusations and he is presumed innocent, unless he is proven guilty in a court of law.

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