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ARREST RELEASE

On Monday February 8, 2016 at about 2:20 a.m., Rockford Police M3 Streets Team officers stopped a 2007 Ford Edge for a registration violation at 15th Avenue and 10th Street. The driver was 38-year-old parolee Leroy McFadden of Rockford, and his passenger was 27-year-old James Horton of Rockford. The officers summoned a Winnebago County Sheriff's Department K-9 to the scene and the police dog alerted to the presence of drugs in the vehicle. The officers searched the vehicle and located a loaded Taurus .44 Special handgun, 35 grams of cannabis, a digital scale, and a significant amount of currency.

James Horton was arrested for:

Armed Violence

Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapons

Violation of the Cannabis Control Act – Possession with Intent to Deliver

Leroy McFadden was issued citations for:

Operation of an Uninsured Motor Vehicle

Expired Registration

Horton was lodged in the Winnebago County Jail and McFadden was released at the scene. The vehicle was impounded.

Both suspects should be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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