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ARREST RELEASE

ROCKFORD, ILL. – On Sunday November 6, 2016 shortly after 10:15 a.m. patrol officers from the Rockford Police Department responded to the 1000 block of Hess Court in the Fairgrounds Housing Development in reference to shots being fired by two armed subjects. Witnesses provided a description and direction of travel and officers located two suspects near the intersection of Underwood Street and Andrews Street.

Officers later determined that the incident was the result of two groups of individuals firing each other. Several apartments in the 300 block of Leather Court and 300 block of Underwood Street were struck by the gunfire. A resident in the 300 block of Leather Court, a 24 year old female, was struck in the leg by one of the rounds. The victim was transported to a local hospital where she was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Detectives from the Rockford Police Department conducted a follow-up investigation into the incident and the results were reviewed by the Winnebago County State’s Attorney’s Office. As a result the following individuals were arrested:

ARRESTED: Benitez-Lopez, Armando 20 years old Rockford, IL
CHARGES: Aggravated Battery with a Firearm
 Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm
 Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapons
 Possession of a Criminally Defaced Firearm
 No Firearm Owner’s Identification Card

ARRESTED: Juvenile Male 17 years old Rockford, IL
CHARGES: Aggravated Battery with a Firearm
 Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm

All charges are merely allegations and parties are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.





Benitez-Lopez was lodged in the Winnebago County Jail and the juvenile male was lodged in the Winnebago County Juvenile Detention Center. A photo of Benitez-Lopez is attached electronically to this press release.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Rockford Police Department Investigations Bureau (779/500-6551) or Crime Stoppers (815/963-7867).

No further information is available at this time. Any updated information will be released when available.

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