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ARREST RELEASE

On January 21, 2016 at about 1:15 AM, a Rockford Officer working an off-duty assignment observed two men arguing at 918 E. State Street. He moved toward the argument and saw that one of the men had a pistol in his hand. The officer summoned assistance from on-duty personnel and moved to investigate. Upon the officer's approach, the armed man fled. After a short foot chase and struggle, the man was apprehended on the grounds of a church and found to possess a loaded 9mm semiautomatic pistol and a quantity of crack cocaine and cannabis as well as more than \$600 cash. The suspect was identified as 27-year-old Royale M. Stallworth of northwest Rockford. Stallworth was found to be a convicted felon who had previously been convicted of Armed Robbery and weapons charges. Stallworth was also learned to be a documented gang member.

Charges:

Violation of the Cannabis Control Act
Resisting Arrest
Violation of the Firearm Owner's Identification Card Act
Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon
Unlawful Use of Weapons by A Felon
Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Street Gang Member
Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Deliver within 1000' of a church
Armed Violence



Stallworth was lodged in the Winnebago County Jail. These charges are allegations and Stallworth is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court.

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