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### **ARREST RELEASE**

On Saturday April 30, 2016 at about 9:15 a.m., LaGuerrita Western Wear at 1225 Broadway had been open for about 15 minutes when the clerk, a 41-year-old Rockford woman, noticed a man enter the store and then leave without making a purchase. About five minutes later, the man returned, brandished a knife, and announced a robbery. The suspect forced the clerk to open the cash register; however, there was no money in the drawer. The clerk attempted to call 9-1-1 and a struggle ensued. The clerk grabbed some leather belts and fought away from the suspect, and then the suspect fled from the store on foot.



Responding officers broadcasted a description of the suspect to all officers in the area.

At about 3:25 p.m., a Rockford Police Officer spotted a man matching the description of the suspect walking in the 1400 block of 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The officer stopped the man and detained him for further investigation. Detectives were called in to continue the investigation and the suspect, 39-year-old Douglas Jones of Rockford was charged with Attempted Armed Robbery and Battery. Jones was lodged in the Winnebago County Jail without bond. The charges against Jones are merely accusations and he should be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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