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ARREST RELEASE

On Friday May 22, 2015, officers of the Rockford Police Department made two Firearm related arrests. Facts of the two cases are as follows:

On Friday May 22, 2015, members of the Rockford Police Department's M3 Street Crimes Unit were patrolling in the area of Andrews Street and Forest Avenue when officers conducted a traffic stop on maroon 2001 Pontiac Grand Prix for failing to signal when required. The vehicle was driven by Myquanda M. Smith and the front seat passenger was identified as Dontay Patton. Both occupants are Rockford residents. While searching the vehicle, officer's located a loaded Rossi .357 caliber handgun within the passenger area of the vehicle. Patton told officer's the gun belonged to him. Patton was a convicted felon and he did not possess an Illinois Concealed Carry Card or an Illinois Firearm Owner's Identification Card. (FOID)

Arrested: Dontay Patton, 21 year old male, Rockford

Charges:

- Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapons
- Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon
- Violation of the Illinois Firearm Owners Identification Act

Arrested: Myquanda Smith, 22 year old female, Rockford

Charge:

Failure to Signal when required

Dontay Patton and Myquanda Smith are presumed innocent unless convicted in a court of law.



On Friday May 22, 2015, Metro Enforcement Security officers were patrolling the Orton Keyes Housing Development when they attempted to identify several subjects who were walking through the development. The visitors complied with Metro Enforcements request for identification, however Cordero Blan was reaching toward his waistband while interacting with the security officers. Metro Enforcement Officers attempted to take control of Blan, when Blan started to run. A struggle ensued where Blan was TASED by the security officers. Once Blan was secured, Metro Enforcement officer's located a loaded .45 caliber handgun, with a defaced serial number, in his waistband. Blan did not possess an Illinois Concealed Carry Card, nor did he possess an Illinois Firearm Owner's Identification Card (FOID).

Metro Enforcement notified officers of the Rockford Police Department where they took custody of Blan. Blan told officers about a medical issue he was having, so he was transported to a local hospital for treatment. Based on his condition, he was transported to an out of state medical facility for advanced care. Once he was released from the medical facility, he was lodged in the Dane County Jail in Dane County, Wisconsin.

Arrested: Cordero Blan, 26 year old male, Rockford

Charges:

- Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapons
- Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon
- Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Street Gang Member
- Violation of the Illinois Firearms Owners Identification Act
- Defacing a Firearm

Blan is presumed innocent unless convicted in a court of law.

The Rockford Police Department and the Rockford Housing Authority did not tolerate gun crime and they encourage anyone with information concerning gun crime in housing or the City of Rockford to call the Rockford Police Department at 815-987-5824 or Crimestoppers at 815-963-7867 or 888-769-7867.

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