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## *ARREST RELEASE*

### UPDATED INFORMATION

On Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup> 2016 Rockford Police Officers and Detectives responded to 3231 Parkside for shots fired. Upon arrival Officers located Akeem Smith who was shot. Smith was transported to a local hospital where he later died. Detectives continued this Murder Investigation and were able to review the investigation with the Winnebago County States Attorney. After review, charges were authorized and warrants were obtained for three suspects in this case, Javontavious Benford, Retavian Jefferson and Martaivis Harmon.

Javontavious Benford and Retavian Jefferson had been in custody prior to today.

Today, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Detectives were able to meet with the third suspect, Martaivis Harmon, and take him into custody on his warrant. Harmon was lodged in Juvenile Detention on his Warrant.

All three suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in court. No photos are available.

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