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ARREST RELEASE

On Tuesday, **10/21/14**, shortly after midnight Patrol Officers from the Rockford Police Dept. assisted by Troopers from the Illinois State Police responded to a residence in the **400 block of Grayling Dr.**, on the City's Eastside, in reference to a Home Invasion. The home is used as an off-site residence for patients of the **Goldie B. Floberg Center**. Both patients and employees of Goldie Floberg were present during the incident. When they arrived, officers learned that several black male suspects had entered the residence while armed with handguns. The suspects tied up all of the occupants and removed several items of value from the home. In addition, one of the female employees was sexually assaulted by one of the suspects.

During the course of the on scene investigation, crime scene investigators from the Rockford Police Dept. Identification Unit recovered several pieces of physical evidence from the scene. Those items were later submitted to the Illinois State Police Crime Lab for evaluation. As a result, a connection was made to one of the suspects in the Home Invasion, **Aaron C. Leach**, a 27 year old male from Freeport. The results of the investigation were reviewed by the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office and charges of **Home Invasion** and **Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault** were authorized against Leach. A warrant was obtained for Leach with a bond of \$500,000.

On Friday, 10/16/15, Leach was taken into custody by the Illinois State Police and the Freeport Police Dept., who assisted with the investigation. Leach is currently being held in the Stephenson County Jail in lieu of bond. A photo of Leach is not being released at this time due to the on-going nature of the investigation.



The charges against Aaron Leach are merely accusations and not evidence of his guilt. As with defendants in all criminal cases, Leach is considered innocent unless proven guilty in court. Anyone with information regarding this incident or the identity of the remaining suspects is asked to contact the Rockford Police Dept. or Crime Stoppers.

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