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# ARREST RELEASE

**DATE & TIME**            07/31/14 6:23 PM

**Bureau:**                    Investigative Services Bureau

**Authorized Supervisor:**    Deputy Chief Dave Hopkins

**Phone:**                     (815)967-6976

**Incident:**                    Homicide

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### MESSAGE

On Thursday July 31, 2014 at approximately 12:30 p.m. members of the Rockford Police Department responded to the 4800 block of Javelin Drive in reference to a report of a shooting.

Upon arrival officers located 27 year old Ramone Bowen of Rockford lying behind 4818 Javelin Drive. Mr. Bowen had an apparent gunshot wound to the upper right portion of his chest. The Rockford Fire Department transported Mr. Bowen to an area hospital. Mr. Bowen was pronounced dead while at the hospital.

Members of the Investigative Services Bureau of the Rockford Police Department conducted follow-up investigation into this shooting.

Subsequently, 32 year old Michael A. Medearis of Rockford was arrested and charged with the two counts of first degree murder.

Mr. Medearis was lodged in the Winnebago County jail in lieu of bond.

Mr. Medearis is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

No photographs were available at the time of this release.

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