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ARREST RELEASE

On April 28, 2016 at about 5:30 p.m., Rockford Police Officers responded to 3540 Louisiana Road in Rockford for a female battery victim. Upon arrival, Officers located Monica D. Box, a 35 year old woman, who was suffering from life threatening trauma to her head. Rockford Fire Department transported her to a local hospital where she was pronounced dead.

On April 29, 2016, we announced Terrell Ellis as a person of interest in the investigation and he was arrested on a, Illinois Department of Corrections parole violation warrant late that afternoon. That evening he was charged with Possession of a Stolen Vehicle and lodged in the Winnebago County Jail.

On May 2, 2016, Detectives reviewed their investigation with the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office, who authorized two counts of First Degree Murder against Ellis. Winnebago County Circuit Judge Randy Wilt issued an arrest warrant for Ellis and authorized a \$2 million dollar bond. Ellis is lodged in the Winnebago County Jail on the warrant.

The charges against Ellis are merely accusations and he should be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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