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INFORMATION RELEASE

On Thursday, July 02, 2015, at approximately 6:50 p.m., Rockford Police Department and Rockford Fire Department responded to the 1000 block of 17th Street in reference to a shooting in the back alley. Information was then provided that the incident involved a residence in the 1000 block of 16th St. Officers then were advised that there was a shooting victim within this residence. Rockford Fire Department located and transported 35 year old Rockford resident Vernon S. Ross, who was suffering from a single gunshot wound. Officers were advised that this injury was life threatening. While at the scene, Officers were advised that a second individual, 24 year old male, arrived at the same hospital with a non-life threatening gunshot wound. Officers later learned that there was a verbal altercation which occurred at this residence, which later turned into a physical altercation, followed by shots being fired.

The 34 year old male later died at the hospital as a result of the shooting. Information as to the identity of the individuals involved is not being released at this time, as this is an on-going investigation.

Anyone with information concerning the incident is encouraged to contact the Rockford Police Department (815)987-5824 or Rockford Area Crime Stoppers at (815) 963-7867.

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