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INFORMATION RELEASE

UPDATE:

On December 20, 2014 at approximately 11:20 p.m. members of the Rockford Police Department responded to 3234 Montrose Avenue in reference to a report of gunshots. Upon arrival officers located four gunshot victims in the residence. Rockford Fire Department paramedics pronounced all four victims dead.

The victims have been identified as:

Martia Flint, 24 year old female of Rockford
Demontae Rhodes 24 year old male of Rockford
Tyrone Smith III, 6 year old male of Rockford
Tobias K. Smith, 4 year old male of Rockford

The investigation into this incident has been ongoing. Detectives have been following leads, performing interviews and examining evidence. As a result of the investigation to this point, detectives have identified several individuals wanted for questioning that are known associates with the victims. Members of the Rockford Police Department, Illinois State Police, Winnebago County Sheriff's Department and the FBI are working together to locate these persons.

“These types of occurrences are tragic. This event is especially heartbreaking to have happened during the holiday season and because of the ages of all the victims involved,” according to Chief Chet Epperson.



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

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