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# ARREST RELEASE

**DATE & TIME**            **10/09/13 12:46 PM**

**Bureau:**                    **Investigative Services Bureau**

**Authorized Supervisor:**    **Lt. Marc Welsh**

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

**Incident:**                    **Murder investigation update**

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### MESSAGE

On Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 shortly before 5:00 PM, members of the Rockford Police Department responded to 519 Sawyer Road in regards to a welfare check on the resident of the address. Officers located the resident, identified at 63 year old James B. Schoenher, deceased in the bathroom of the residence.

Rockford Police Detectives conducted follow up investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Schoenher. The facts of the investigation were reviewed by the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office. The following charges were authorized:

**Crystal Caldwell, 31 years of age, Rockford, Illinois**  
**First Degree Murder**  
**Conspiracy to Commit First Degree Murder**  
**Robbery**  
**Residential Burglary**

Caldwell who was in custody for Unlawful use of a credit card was charged with the aforementioned charges during her last court appearance.

The charges against Caldwell are merely accusations. She is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

A photograph of Caldwell is attached to this media release.

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