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ARREST RELEASE

During the early morning hours on 02/26/15 officers were dispatched to 4846 E. State St. in reference to a possible burglary in progress. This address is the former Fatty McGee's bar which is currently closed and boarded up. Upon arrival the officers observed that forced entry had been made to the building. During the investigation officers learned cannabis was being grown inside of the building.

Rockford Police narcotics detectives were called to the scene and later executed a search warrant. The detectives recovered in excess of 1,100 cannabis sativa plants at various stages of growth inside the building. Detectives also recovered several large bags of packaged cannabis which were ready for distribution. The gross weight of these bags weighed approximately 13 pounds.

During this investigation a suspect was developed. Detectives with the Rockford Police Department's Narcotics Unit reviewed the facts of the investigation with the Winnebago County States Attorneys' Office. After the review, charges of Possession with intent to deliver over 5,000 grams of cannabis and Violation of the cannabis control act, possessing over 200 cannabis sativa plants were authorized for Gregory A. Kowalski. An arrest warrant was obtained with a bond amount of \$100,000.

Kowalski was located this afternoon by Rockford Narcotics detectives with the assistance of the Loves Park police department. He was taken into custody without incident. Kowalski was lodged in the Winnebago County Jail in lieu of bond.



The charges against Kowalski are merely accusations and he is presumed innocent until and unless he is proven guilty in a court of law.

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