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ARREST RELEASE

The Rockford Police Department's Narcotics Unit executed a search warrant at 523 Oakley Ave. during the morning hours on 1/26/15. Detectives located an adult male, adult female and an 11 month old child inside the residence. The male, later identified as Shawanquez M. Edwards, was located in the upstairs bathroom. Edwards appeared to have flushed something down the toilet as officers made entry into the bathroom. Upon removing the toilet we located and recovered a plastic bag containing approximately 30 grams of a substance that field tested positive for cocaine. Edwards was taken into custody without incident.

Detectives also learned Edwards was wanted on a \$250,000 failure to appear warrant stemming from a previous arrest for a weapon offense. The female at the residence also had an active order of protection that barred Edwards from having contact with her. Edwards was lodged in the Winnebago County jail. The female and child were released at the scene.

Edwards is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Arrested: Edwards, Shawanquez M. 26, Rockford, Il

Charge: Possession with intent to deliver 15-100 grams of cocaine, Violation of an Order of Protection, and City F.T.A. warrant.

Bond: No Bond (Felony charge, must be set by Judge)

The residence is registered in the landlord registry and is owned by Randy Kurilla.



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