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# ARREST RELEASE

**DATE & TIME**      **05/09/14 11:34 AM**

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

**Authorized Supervisor:**    **Sgt. RD Berke**

**Phone:**                **779-221-3942**

**Incident:**              **Narcotics arrests**

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### MESSAGE

For the past several weeks members of the Rockford Police Department's Narcotics Unit have been investigating different people after receiving information they were involved with selling drugs. The suspects were working independently from each other and were delivering drugs to various locations, primarily on the west side of Rockford. Narcotics detectives concluded their investigation with the arrest of two individuals on 05/08/14. One of the suspects had been identified as Spencer Tolefree and he was arrested without incident at a residence in the 200 block of S. Prospect St. A separate suspect, who had been identified as Howard Lacy, was taken into custody without incident at a residence in the 500 block of S. Pierpont.

The Narcotics Unit also continued to do investigative follow up in reference to a search warrant the Narcotics Unit previously conducted in August of 2013 at 715 N. Sunset. As a result, detectives were able to obtain an arrest warrant for Keith A. Armstrong for Unlawful Use of a firearm by a Felon and No F.O.I.D. Armstrong was taken into custody at his residence on 05/08/14 without incident. At the time of Armstrong's arrest he was found to be in possession of a small amount of a substance which field tested positive for heroin. In addition to the warrant, Armstrong was also charged with Possession of a controlled substance.

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All three suspects were later lodged in the Winnebago County Jail.

Arrested: Tolefree, Spencer L. 28, Rockford

Charges: Two counts Unlawful Delivery of 1-15 grams of a controlled substance (cocaine) within 1,000 feet of a church.

Bond: \$75,000

Arrested: Lacy, Howard J. 30, Rockford

Charges: Two counts Unlawful Delivery of 1-15 grams of a controlled substance (cocaine) within 1,000 feet of a church.

Bond: \$50,000

Arrested: Armstrong, Keith A. 50, Rockford

Charges: Warrant for Unlawful Use of a Weapon by Felon, No F.O.I.D., Possession of a controlled substance (heroin).

Bond: Bond for the warrant - \$15,000 / No bond for the Possession of heroin which must be set by Judge.

All subjects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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