



## ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# ARREST RELEASE

**DATE & TIME**            07/02/13 5:22 PM

**Bureau:**                    Investigative Services Bureau

**Authorized Supervisor:**    Lt. Marc Welsh

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

**Incident:**                 Narcotics investigations

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### MESSAGE

On July 2nd, 2013, the following agencies combined resources in a cooperative policing effort to conduct narcotic investigations in the Rockford area: The Rockford Police Department, Stateline Area Narcotics Team (SLANT), Illinois State Police, Winnebago County Sheriff's Police, Loves Park Police, Illinois Department of Corrections Parole Division and the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office.

The operation focused on narcotics complaints from citizens in the Rockford area. During the operation, law enforcement officers conducted investigations at more than 20 narcotic complaint locations. Listed below are the results of the investigations where arrests were made:

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>ARRESTED</b>	<b>CHARGE</b>
415 Burbank Avenue	Kenneth M. Henson 44 years of age Rockford, Il.	Violation of CCA possession of more than 20 but less than 50 cannabis plants

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LOCATION	ARRESTED	CHARGE
402 Bayliss Avenue	Luciano J. Gonzalez 25 years of age Rockford, Il	Violation of CCA, possession with the intent to deliver more than 30 but less than 500 grams of cannabis
315 N. Longwood Ave #1	Michael E. Gregory 49 years of age Rockford, Il	Violation of CCA, possession with the Intent to deliver more than 10 but less than 30 grams of cannabis
2139 7 <sup>th</sup> Street	Omar L. Jones 24 years of age Rockford, Il	Violation of CCA, possession of more than 2.5 but less than 10 grams of cannabis

During the narcotics investigation, the following contraband was recovered:

- 1 35 suspected cannabis plants
- 2 512 grams of suspected cannabis

The Illinois Department of Corrections Parole Division conducted 2 parole compliance checks during the operation. Both parolees were in compliance.

During the operation the property located at 415 Burbank was condemned by the City of Rockford Building Department for building code violations and safety concerns.

The charges against the listed defendants are merely accusations. They are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Photographs of the arrested subjects are attached to this media release.

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After Reviewing the computerized files of the Winnebago County assessors office, the properties where arrests were made today are owned by the following people:

415 Burbank is owned by Michelle Gray  
402 Bayliss is owned by Mark Hernandez  
315 N. Longwood is owned by Gregory Steele  
21397<sup>th</sup> Street is owned by Lori Kosowiec

The cooperative policing efforts will continue in the Rockford area to combat illegal narcotic and other criminal activity.

Anyone with information regarding illegal narcotic activity is encouraged to contact the Rockford Police non-emergency number at (815)966-2900, the Rockford Narcotics Unit at (815)987-5034 or CrimeStoppers at (815)963-7867.

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