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ARREST RELEASE

DATE & TIME **06/18/13 4:43 PM**

Bureau: **Field Services Bureau**

Authorized Supervisor: **Lieutenant Patrick Hoey**

Phone: **815-987-5744**

Incident: **Police Standoff Arrest, 2404 Yonge Street**

MESSAGE

On 06/18/2013 at 4:22 am Rockford Police responded to 2404 Yonge Street regarding a 911 call from a 10 year old boy stating "Rashad was there hurting his mom." While officers were en route to home the victim called 911 stating she and her three children, ages 3years to 10 years old had fled from 2404 Yonge Street. Officers met with the victim and her children and were advised that Rashad Pelzer had battered the victim and Pelzer was at their home at 2404 Yonge Street and he was armed with a handgun.

Officers learned that Pelzer was wanted on two outstanding warrants for his arrest.

Officers arrived at 2404 Yonge Street moments later and encountered Rashad Pelzer outside the residence. Pelzer fled inside the home and secured the doors and turned off the interior lights of the residence. Officers were able to make phone contact with Pelzer advising him to surrender. Pelzer stated he was not going to surrender peacefully.

The Rockford Police Crisis Negotiation Team and SWAT Unit were activated and negotiators attempted to make contact with Pelzer using several means. At approximately 10:30 am Pelzer made contact with the negotiators and through conversations with negotiators and Pelzer's family he agreed to surrender. At 1:25 pm Pelzer came out of the home and surrendered to Police peacefully. He was transported to a local hospital for evaluation and then brought to the Public Safety Building.

The victim received minor injuries and declined medical treatment. The three children were not injured.

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A small caliber handgun was recovered from the residence.

The victim and children were all interviewed by Detectives. Detectives consulted with the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office and charges were authorized.

Suspect:

Pelzer, Rashad O.
Male/Black
32 years old
322 N. Central Avenue & 2404 Yonge Street, Rockford, IL

Charges:

Warrants:

- Probation Violation –Aggravated Battery from 2010 Bond \$50,000.00
- Possession of Cannabis and Manufacture/Delivery of Cannabis from 2012 Bond \$3,000
- Armed Habitual Criminal & Aggravated Assault from March 2013 Bond \$200,000

Charges from today's incident:

- 3 Counts Domestic Battery
- Interference with the Reporting of Domestic Violence
- Aggravated Assault
- Armed Habitual Criminal

(Bonds for these cases are pending)

Photo of Pelzer is attached.

All charges against Pelzer are mere allegations, he is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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