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ARREST RELEASE

On Wednesday November 19, 2014 in the evening hours, the Rockford Police Department District 2 Neighborhood Response Unit conducted an undercover prostitution detail targeting internet-based prostitution operations. During the detail, the Officers established a fictitious internet-based advertisement for prostitution, which generated a significant number of contacts with men seeking to engage in prostitution. Undercover officers also responded to internet-based advertisements and targeted women engaged in prostitution.

During the operation, the following arrests were made:

Allen Eldridge – 38 year-old Rockford man – Soliciting for a Prostitute
Jason Jones – 44 year-old Rockford man – Soliciting for a Prostitute
Lea Brown – 32 year-old Rockford woman – Prostitution
Janice Schweitzer – 31 year-old Rockford woman – Prostitution

The charges against these individuals are allegations based upon probable cause and these individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

The Rockford Police Department recognizes the importance of focusing on both street-level and behind the scenes prostitution activities, such as internet based prostitution, and will continue to focus resources to combat this problem. Individuals considering engagement in these activities should heed notice that the City of Rockford does not tolerate this behavior. Anyone with information regarding prostitution or human trafficking activities should contact the Rockford Police Department at 815-987-5824 or CrimeStoppers at 815-963-7867.

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