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ARREST RELEASE

On Thursday, June 25, 2015 in the evening hours, the Rockford Police Department District 2 M3 Streets Team in cooperation with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department Tac Team conducted an undercover prostitution detail targeting street level prostitution operations. During the detail, male officers and deputies posed as "johns" and female officers and deputies posed as prostitutes in areas of the City of Rockford that receives ongoing complaints of prostitution from concerned citizens.

During the operation, the following 7 arrests were made:

Heather L. Johnson, 29, Rockford, Soliciting a Ride on a Roadway
Melena M. Lasalvia, 33, Rockford, Soliciting a Ride on a Roadway
Edward G. Lauren, 49, Rockford, Solicitation of a Sexual Act
Nika M. Mann, 33, Rockford, Prostitution, Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia, Poss. Hypodermic Needle
Lauro Martinez-Solano, 42, Rockford, Solicitation of Sexual Act, Driving While Suspended
Michael A. Meyer, 46, Byron, Solicitation of a Sexual Act
Bobby Norman III, 22, Rockford, Solicitation of a Sexual Act

During the investigation, officers observed 4 individuals drive to the location and due to that reason, the vehicles each subject was operating were **impounded** due to it being an act in furtherance to the offense of the City Ordinance 17-27.1(5) Solicitation of Prostitute/Sexual Act. Impound fees were increased to a minimum \$1000 for arrests related to these charges.

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 street-level and behind the scenes prostitution activities 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 Crime Stoppers at 815-963-7867.



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