



## ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# ARREST RELEASE

**DATE & TIME**            **06/30/13 1:19 PM**

**Bureau:**                    **Field Services Bureau**

**Authorized Supervisor:**    **Deputy Chief Lori Sweeney**

**Phone:**                     **815-987-5822**

**Incident:**                  **Prostitution Detail**

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## MESSAGE

On June 29, 2013 members of the Rockford Police Department M3 Street Team conducted a prostitution operation within the City of Rockford. The operation targeted areas of the City from where complaints of prostitution and street crime have been received. During the course of the operation, undercover officers targeted individuals involved in street level sex crimes.

The operation resulted in the arrest of five individuals.  
The following individuals face criminal charges as a result of this operation:

Becky M. Ward 50yo - Felony Prostitution

Teresa E. Whippler-White 49yo - Felony Prostitution

Lucas F. Medansky 22yo - Pandering, Obstructing Identification

Deborah J. Sawtelle 47yo - Felony Prostitution

Autoria D. Stevenson 35yo - Soliciting Ride on the Roadway, Possession Drug Paraphernalia

All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law

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