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ARREST RELEASE

Since April 14, 2016 the Rockford Police Department has investigated eight armed robberies with a firearm. All of these robberies involved men arranging to meet a woman for a date through the website Meetme.com. Once the men arrive at the residences, which are abandoned homes they are robbed by one or more suspects. Most of these robberies took place at 1209 Green Street. In some of these cases the victim was forced back into their car where they drove the suspect(s) to an ATM to withdrawal money. Rockford Police Detectives, with the assistance of information from Meetme.com, developed suspects in these cases. This information was reviewed with the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office.

On May 4, 2016 Detectives arrested Monica Lilly F/B 21 years of age, resident of Rockford for Armed Robbery.

Today Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for a 17 year old black male juvenile for Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking and two counts of Armed Robbery stemming from an incident last night. These cases are still under investigation and further arrests could occur.

All of these incidents could have been avoided if the victims would not have engaged in risky behaviors.

If anyone has information on these robberies or similar style robberies they are urged to call the Rockford Police Department at (815) 966-2900 or Crime Stoppers at (815) 963-7867.

The charges against Lilly and the juvenile male are accusations and they are considered innocent until proven guilty.



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