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ARREST RELEASE

As a result of a citizen complaint members of the Rockford Police Department Gang Unit began an investigation into a possible narcotic violation.

As a result of that investigation, on May 4, 2016 members of the Gang Unit executed a search warrant at 726 Greenview Avenue. Detectives located an adult male and an adult female inside the residence.

Detectives searched the residence and discovered a cannabis growing operation. The officers located approximately 130 cannabis sativa plants. The total amount of cannabis was over 8,000 grams. Detectives also recovered fifteen firearms from inside the residence. The female was released without charge.

Officers arrested 42 year old **Billy W. Smith** of Rockford for the following offenses:

Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon
Possession with Intent to deliver more than 5000 grams of cannabis
Possession of more than 50 cannabis sativa plants
Defacing identification marks on a firearm
No Firearm Identification card
Unlawful possession of Body armor
BOND: No Bond (Felony charge set by Judge)

These charges are merely accusations. The defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. This is an on-going investigation.



Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Rockford Police Department at 815-987-5878.

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