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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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### **ARREST RELEASE**

On a June 28, 2016 at about 3:02 p.m. a Rockford Police Officer saw a silver Chrysler Town and Country minivan driving recklessly in the area of 3700 Auburn Street. When the officer attempted to stop the minivan, the driver fled in the vehicle and the officer did not pursue. A few moments later, another officer spotted the vehicle, was able to obtain the license plate information, and determined the vehicle was reported stolen in Ogle County. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle and the driver fled in the vehicle. The officer initiated a pursuit and the pursuit travelled from Avon Street and School Street across the Whitman Street Bridge to Benton and North Sixth Street before a supervisor cancelled the pursuit. The pursuit reached speeds of 60-65 miles per hour. A few moments later, the driver of the vehicle lost control at Benton Street and North Prospect Street. The driver fled on foot and officers, with the assistance of neighbors, located the suspect hiding in a backyard and took him into custody without incident.

The suspect, a 14-year-old Rockford resident on juvenile probation, was charged with Possession of a Stolen Auto, Aggravated Fleeing to Elude, No Valid Driver's License, Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Accident, Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, and a Probation Violation Warrant.

The suspect was lodged in the Winnebago County Juvenile Detention Center and his name will not be released due to his age.

The charges against him are merely allegations and he should be considered innocent until adjudicated delinquent in a court of law.

The detained juvenile fled from a group home in Ogle County on the previous day and had previously been involved in several crimes in Rockford.



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