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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **ARREST RELEASE**

On Monday January 25, 2016 at about 9:50 p.m., Rockford Police Officers responded to the area of 2700 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue for a report of a criminal damage to a vehicle. The caller gave a suspect description of a loud, dark colored, Dodge Ram dually pickup truck, occupied by two suspects. Responding officers located a vehicle matching the description in the area of Florida Drive and South Alpine Road. A license plate inquiry indicated the truck had been recently reported stolen from the 1700 block of Duncan Avenue. Before the officers attempted to stop the truck, it fled from them at a high rate of speed. The driver lost control and slid into a front yard in the 2400 block of Holmes Street, at which time both occupants fled on foot. Responding officers established a perimeter and deployed Rockford Police K-9 Sulley to track the suspects. Sulley located one of the suspects hiding in an evergreen tree in the 4500 block of Erickson Drive. The K-9 handler announced a warning, but the suspect fled on foot. The handler release Sulley, who pursued the suspect and apprehended the suspect by biting his ankle and taking him down. The second suspect evaded arrest.

The suspect, 20-year-old Miguel Tejada of Rockford, was transported to a local hospital where he was treated for minor injuries. He was then lodged in the Winnebago County Jail on charges of Unlawful Possession of a Stolen Auto and Resisting Police.

The charges against Tejada are merely accusations and he should be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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