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INFORMATION RELEASE

On January 16, 2015 a student at Jefferson High School located a balloon containing an off-white powdery substance in the hallway outside of the gymnasium. The student immediately contacted an Assistant Principal who contacted the Rockford Police School Resource Officer. The SRO recovered the substance and later field tested the substance with a standardized test kit. The test produced a positive result for the probable presence of heroin. The total amount weighed 46.8 grams.

This substance was later sent to the Illinois State Police Crime Lab for forensic analysis. The Crime Lab reported that the substance was not heroin and in fact had no traces of any controlled substance.

It is not uncommon for the field test kits to produce a false positive result on the probable presence of a controlled substance. Because of this, all suspected controlled substances are forensically analyzed by the Illinois State Police Crime Lab for a factual report on the chemical makeup of the substance.

The Rockford Police Department and the Rockford Public School District takes the recovery of any suspected contraband on school property seriously and will investigate all cases.

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