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ARREST RELEASE

On Sunday, June 15, 2015 at 3:36 pm the Rockford Police Department responded to calls of shots fired followed by a traffic crash at Auburn and Furman. Additional calls were received advising that subjects were fleeing the area on foot and one of them was armed with a gun. Three subjects ran west from the scene into the McDonalds at Auburn and Central. Officers arrived at the business and located the subjects and recovered a handgun.

The subjects were identified as Schamar Anderson, 22 years old, Tyrone C. Cooper, 22 years old and a 16 year old male. The 16 year old was in possession of the handgun. The occupants of both cars involved, a Dodge Neon & Honda, fled the scene of the accident. Anderson was the driver of the Neon and Cooper and the 16 year old had been the occupants.

Officers located four .45 caliber shell casings in the street at the scene of the accident. Officers learned two other subjects, from the Honda, fled east down an alley from 1100 Furman St. They were described as black males, one wearing a red shirt and the other wearing a white shirt. Officers located a 45 caliber semi-automatic handgun in the area where witnesses said the two subjects fled. These subjects were not located.

Detectives conducted interviews and the 16 year old was charged with Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon, No Firearm Owner's Identification and Resisting arrest. Anderson was charged with driving while suspended and leaving the scene of a traffic crash. Cooper was released with no charges at this time. This investigation is continuing in an attempt to locate the other vehicle and suspects involved.

The charges against Anderson and the 16 year old male are accusations and they are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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