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ARREST RELEASE

The Rockford Police Department has been investigating several violent crimes that occurred between May 20th and May 28th. These crimes consisted of Home Invasions, Robbery, Vehicular Hijacking and stolen vehicles. These crimes occurred in the 5500 block of Sandhutton, 2800 11th Street, 2600 Broadway, 1100 13th Street, 2100 Vernon Street and 3100 Liberty Drive. Detectives from all three Districts realized that the same group of offenders were responsible for these crimes. The targeted victims of these offenses were middle age to elderly females.

Detectives compiled a list of over 20 suspects that ranged in age from 13 to 19. This list was shared with Patrol officers and other agencies. Officers were able to locate and arrest nine of the suspects. All of the above listed cases were cleared because of these arrests. Arrested were:

DeAngelo Smith-Rankins, 18 years of age, Rockford resident
Charge: Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle.

8 Juveniles ages 13-17

Charges: (Varies per defendant). Robbery, Vehicle Hijacking, Burglary, Auto Theft, Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle, Resisting/Obstructing a Police Officer.

These cases are still actively being investigated and further suspects will be charged.



The charges against all these suspects are accusations and they are considered innocent until proven guilty.

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