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ARREST RELEASE

On Monday, May 16, 2016 at 12:25 am the Rockford Police Department was sent to the 500 block of Abilene Trail regarding shots being fired behind the complainant's house to the east. Officers arrived on scene and the complainant reported hearing 5-6 gunshots behind the house to the east as well as seeing the muzzle flashes in the back yard. Officers on scene were able to ascertain the shots originated from a residence at 512 block of Chisolm Trail. Officer located several shell casings behind the home. Officers were not able to get anyone to answer the door but did see a male inside the home watching officers from a front window. Police negotiators were able to establish telephone contact with the homeowner. After approximately two hours the homeowner agreed to exit the residence where he spoke further with officers. A second subject was located in the residence and was taken custody without incident.

A search of the residence was conducted and a 9mm pistol was recovered from the attic area of the home. 9mm shell casings were recovered from the backyard and deck area.

Arrested: Ortega, Victor male 32 years old, 512 Chisolm Trail.

Charges: Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a felon and no Firearm Owner's Identification.

The second subject was not charged and released.

The charges against Ortega are accusations and he is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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