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ARREST RELEASE

ROCKFORD, ILL. – On Wednesday, August 3, 2016, at approximately 12:45 a.m. Rockford Police patrol officers responded to an apartment building in the 2400 block of Windridge Court in reference to a burglary investigation. When they arrived officers learned that one apartment and a vehicle had been broken into and an attempt was made to break into a second apartment. In addition, a vehicle belonging to one of the victims had been stolen from the parking lot.

At approximately 1:40 a.m. Rockford Police officers located the stolen vehicle in the 1700 block of 10th Street. When officers attempted to stop the vehicle, the driver, later identified as Christopher Philbee, attempted to ram a marked squad car while fleeing. A vehicle pursuit was initiated and the stolen vehicle ended up losing control and crashing near the intersection of 18th Avenue and Christina Street. Philbee attempted to flee and was taken into custody after a brief foot chase and charged as follows:

Christopher Philbee, 31 years old, Rockford, IL
Charges: Residential Burglary
Attempted Residential Burglary
Burglary to a Motor Vehicle
Aggravated Assault to a Police Officer

Philbee was lodged in the Winnebago County Jail. Detectives from the Rockford Police Department are investigating the possibility of Philbee’s involvement in several incidents from the previous day, August 2, 2016. Philbee’s photo is not being released at this time due to the ongoing nature of the investigation.

This is an active investigation and no further information is available for release at this time. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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All charges are merely allegations and parties are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

