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ARREST RELEASE

DATE & TIME **09/26/11 9:04 AM**

Bureau: **Investigative Services Bureau**

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Incident: **Thefts of purses**

MESSAGE

During the past 2 weeks, there has been a rash of Thefts of purses from shopping carts at local grocery stores. In all of the incidents, the victims have been females ranging from 56 to 80 years of age. At the time of the thefts, the victims left their purses in shopping carts while shopping.

Rockford Police Detectives conducted follow up investigation on information received from Crime Stoppers and Aelsia E. Waybright,48, of Rockford was developed as a suspect in the Theft incidents.

On September 21st, 2011 shortly after 10:00 AM, Rockford Police Patrol Officers took Waybright into custody on unrelated charges.

The facts of the investigation were reviewed by the Winnebago County States Attorney's Office who authorized the charge of Felony Theft for Waybright for the following incidents:

Theft 2642 Charles Street
Theft 3710 N. Main Street
Theft 3150 N. Rockton Ave

Waybright was subsequently lodged in the Winnebago County Jail where she is being held in lieu of bond. A photograph of Waybright is not being released at this time due to the ongoing nature of the investigation.

Waybright is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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