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ARREST RELEASE

DATE & TIME **06/09/12 1:40 PM**

Bureau: **Investigative Services Bureau**

Authorized Supervisor: **Lt. Marc Welsh**

Phone: **(815)967-6976**

Incident: **Possession of stolen property arrests**

MESSAGE

On June 8th, 2012 at approximately 2:10 p.m., members of the Rockford Police Department responded to the Rockford Motel located at 3851 11th Street after being advised by an anonymous source that 3 inmates who walked away from a work release program at the Rock County, Wisconsin jail were hiding out in a hotel room. While officers were on the scene, additional information was developed that the fugitives may be armed with firearms.

Officers responded and located 4 individuals within a hotel room. A search of the room yielded four handguns, and other property that was subsequently determined to be stolen in a residential burglary in Dekalb County.

Follow up investigation by Rockford City Police Detectives and the Dekalb County Sheriffs office resulted in the following arrests:

**Nicholas Batzler, 32 years of age: Escape Warrant Rock County, WI
Winnebago County Burglary Warrant
Stephenson County Burglary Warrant
Boone County Burglary Warrants
McHenry County Burglary Warrant
Dekalb County Burglary Warrant
Possession of Stolen Property
Possession of Stolen Firearm by Felon**

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**Brandon Disrud, 24 years of age: Escape Warrant Rock County, Wi
Stephenson County Driving Revoked Warrant
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**Brandon Garecht, 23 years of age: Escape Warrant Rock County, Wi
Possession of Stolen Property
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These charges are accusations, and all subjects should be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Due to the ongoing nature of the investigation, photographs are not being released at this time.

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