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### **ARREST RELEASE**

**ROCKFORD, Ill.** – On Friday, August 5, 2016, shortly before 9:00 p.m., Rockford Police Department patrol officers responded to the 3300 block of Searles Avenue in reference to an Armed Robbery report. Upon arrival, officers learned that a pizza delivery driver was attempting to make a delivery to a residence when he was attacked by two black male suspects. The two suspects struck the driver several times with a baseball bat before the driver was able to flee the scene. Officers, with the assistance of a Rockford Park District Police K-9, searched the area for the suspects and were unable to locate them.

On Saturday, August 6, 2016 at approximately 11:30 a.m., a Rockford Police Department patrol officer was on patrol near the intersection of Alida Street and Canterbury Lane when he noticed two subjects matching the description of the robbery suspects. The subjects were identified as 18-year-old Darius Council and a 16-year-old male juvenile. Detectives from the Rockford Police Department conducted a follow-up investigation into the incident and the results were reviewed with the Winnebago County State’s Attorney’s Office. As a result Armed Robbery and Aggravated Battery charges were authorized against both Council and the juvenile male.

On Thursday, August 11, 2016, Council was taken into custody on a warrant and lodged in the Winnebago County Jail. A photo of Council is attached. The juvenile male has not yet been taken into custody.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Rockford Police Department at 779-500-6500 or Crime Stoppers 815-963-7867.

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.

