



## ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# ARREST RELEASE

**DATE & TIME**      01/12/10 10:21 AM

**Bureau:**              Investigative Services Bureau

**Authorized Supervisor:**    Deputy Chief Greg Lindmark

**Phone:**                815/967-6976

**Incident:**              Murder Investigation

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## MESSAGE

On 04/21/05 at about 7:30 p.m. patrol officers from the Rockford Police Dept. responded to the parking lot of the Pizza Hut, 2506 Auburn St., in reference to a shooting incident. The victim, **Joshua Irwin**, 21-years-old of Rockford, was located at the scene suffering from a gunshot wound to the head. Irwin was transported to a local hospital where he later died as a result of his injuries.

Detectives from the Rockford Police Dept. later identified the suspect in Irwin's Murder as **Charles Knight**. At that time a warrant was issued for Knight on charges of Armed Robbery and Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon. On November 3, 2008 Charles Knight was located and arrested in Ft. Wayne, IN by members of an FBI fugitive task force. Knight was later extradited back to Lake County (IL) for unrelated charges.

After further review of the on going investigation, the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office authorized the charge of First Degree Murder against Knight. A photo of Knight is attached electronically to this press release.

**ARRESTED:**    **Charles Knight 46-years-old**      **Bolingbrook, IL**  
**CHARGES:**    **First Degree Murder**  
**BOND:**         **\$1 million**

The charges against Knight are merely accusations and not evidence of his guilt. As with defendants in all criminal cases, Knight is considered innocent unless proven guilty in court.