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On Wednesday and Thursday, April 27 & 28, 2016 members of the Winnebago County Sheriff's TAC Unit conducted an investigation in the local Winnebago County Forest Preserves. The investigation stemmed from complaints the Forest Preserve District received regarding sexual related incidents occurring within the preserves. The preserves targeted included Kishwaukee Gorge Forest Preserve (4643 Blackhawk Road), Espenscheid Forest Preserve (4816 S. Perryville Road), Kishwaukee River Forest Preserve (6261 S. Mulford Road), and Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve (5801 S. Perryville Road). The TAC Unit arrested, charged and lodged the following persons in the Winnebago County Jail:

- -SHAWN P. BIRNBAUM (8/15/75) OF 5265 LONG VALLEY DRIVE, ROCKFORD.
  - ~PUBLIC INDECENCY
- -JONATHAN GARCIA (3/24/94) OF 4622 YALE DRIVE, ROCKFORD
  - ~PUBLIC INDECENCY
- -JAMES C. PENNING (4/13/43) OF 1094 TULIP LANE, ROCKFORD
  - ~PUBLIC INDECENCY
- -RICHARD E. GUFFEY (11/17/44) OF 7523 MEANDER DRIVE, ROCKFORD
  - ~PUBLIC INDECENCY
- -MICHAEL F. HAGEMANN (10/27/54) OF 5239 DIANE DRIVE, ROCKFORD
  - ~PUBLIC INDECENCY
- -TIMOTHY R. DEVLIEGER (1/11/59) OF 9757 REDFIELD DRIVE, ROCKFORD
  - ~PUBLIC INDECENCY
- -Francis J. Mekeel (12/31/53) of 514 E. Main Street, Amboy, IL.
  - ~PUBLIC INDECENCY
- -JOHN B. LUHMAN (10/17/72) OF 2129 MARIPOSA DRIVE, ROCKFORD
  - ~Public Indecency
  - ~RESISTING A PEACE OFFICER

THE CHARGES AGAINST BIRNBAUM, GARCIA, PENNING, GUFFEY, HAGEMANN, DEVLIEGER, MEKEEL AND LUHMAN ARE MERELY ACCUSATIONS AND THEY ARE PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY IN A COURT OF LAW.