

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS MEDIA RELEASE		NEWS RELEASE NUMBER 2016-052
INFORMATION: ARMED ROBBERY ARREST		
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ON SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2016 AT 11:46 A.M., WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WERE DISPATCHED TO THE NEW MILFORD EXPRESS MOBIL GAS STATION, 6536 11TH STREET, IN NEW MILFORD FOR AN ARMED ROBBERY. A WHITE MALE SUSPECT ENTERED THE STORE ARMED WITH A HANDGUN AND ROBBED THE STORE OF \$200.00 IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY AND CIGARETTES BEFORE FLEEING IN A STOLEN FORD FUSION, WHICH WAS TAKEN IN AN ARMED VEHICULAR HIJACKING IN THE CITY OF ROCKFORD.

DEPUTIES LATER LOCATED THE STOLEN FORD FUSION IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE BEACON HILL APARTMENT COMPLEX, 5011 LINDEN ROAD, ROCKFORD.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DETECTIVES ASSIGNED TO THE FBI SAFE STREETS TASK FORCE DEVELOPED A SUSPECT IN THE ARMED ROBBERY.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S TAC UNIT DEPUTIES DEVELOPED INFORMATION WHERE THE SUSPECT, JOHN J. MURPHY, WAS STAYING: 1518 4TH AVENUE IN ROCKFORD.

JOHN J. MURPHY, A KNOWN SATAN DISCIPLE GANG MEMBER, WAS WANTED ON TWO OUTSTANDING WARRANTS. ONE, A DOMESTIC BATTERY WARRANT (NO BOND) STEMMING FROM AN INCIDENT IN ROCKFORD. THE SECOND, AN AGGRAVATED FLEEING TO ELUDE WARRANT (\$50,000.00 BOND) STEMMING FROM AN INCIDENT IN WHICH MURPHY FLED FROM TAC DEPUTIES ON APRIL 22, 2016.

ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29TH, WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DETECTIVES ASSIGNED TO THE FBI SAFE STREETS TASK FORCE ALONG WITH THE SHERIFF'S NARCOTICS UNIT SET UP SURVEILLANCE ON 1518 4TH AVENUE IN ROCKFORD. DURING THE SURVEILLANCE, MURPHY WAS SEEN EXITING AND ENTERING THE ADDRESS.

DETECTIVES SET UP A PERIMETER AROUND THE HOUSE. ONCE THE PERIMETER WAS SECURED, MURPHY EXITED THE RESIDENCE AND WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY WITHOUT INCIDENT. EVIDENCE LINKING MURPHY TO THE ARMED ROBBERY WAS LOCATED WITHIN THE HOUSE.

JOHN J. MURPHY (3/27/93) OF ROCKFORD WAS LODGED IN THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY JAIL, CHARGED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- ~ARMED ROBBERY**
- ~DOMESTIC BATTERY WARRANT**
- ~AGGRAVATED FLEEING TO ELUDE WARRANT**

THE AGGRAVATED VEHICULAR HIJACKING IS AN OPEN INVESTIGATION WITH THE ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE ARMED ROBBERY INVESTIGATION IS ONGOING AS DETECTIVES ARE STILL LOOKING INTO THE INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER PERSON (S).

THE CHARGES AGAINST MURPHY ARE MERELY ACCUSATIONS AND HE IS PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY IN A COURT OF LAW.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">: SHERIFF: CHIEF DEPUTY: DEPUTY CHIEF OF DETECTIVE BUREAU: DEPUTY CHIEF OF PATROL BUREAU: DEPUTY CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU: DEPUTY CHIEF OF SUPPORT SERVICES: SUPERINTENDENT OF CORRECTIONS: ACCREDITATION MANAGER: MACHESNEY PARK SECTION SUPERVISOR: FOREST PRESERVE SECTION SUPERVISOR: ESDA SECTION DIRECTOR: PATROL ROLL CALL BOOK: PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER: 1ST FLOOR BULLETIN BOARD: WEB SITE COORDINATOR <p><small>S/A-32C REVISED 07/01/12</small></p>	<hr/> SHERIFF GARY CARUANA <hr/> SUPERVISOR AUTHORIZING RELEASE DATE: <u>07/01/2016</u> TIME: <u>1330 HOURS</u>
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