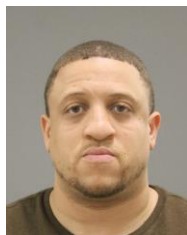


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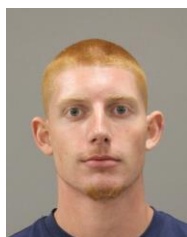
ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 AND 12, 2016, THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED SATURATION DETAILS IN HIGH CRIME AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF ROCKFORD. ILLINOIS STATE POLICE, ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT, LOVES PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT, VILLAGE OF WINNEBAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHERRY VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT, SOUTH BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE POLICE DEPARTMENT ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE DETAILS.

DURING THE OPERATION, THE ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED A PROSTITUTION DETAIL WHICH RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF 6 INDIVIDUALS FOR SOLICITATION OF A SEX ACT.

THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY NARCOTICS UNIT EXECUTED THREE SEARCH WARRANTS AT THREE SEPARATE RESIDENCES (1820 ASHLAND AVENUE, 1119 N. SUNSET STREET AND 1632 MIDWAY AVENUE) WHICH RESULTED IN THE ARRESTS OF 2 PERSONS AND AN ARREST WARRANT FOR ONE PERSON. THE UNIT RECOVERED 850 GRAMS OF CANNABIS, 71 CANNABIS SATIVA PLANTS, 77 GRAMS OF COCAINE, 24 GRAMS OF HEROIN AND 4 GUNS. THE UNITS SEIZED \$5,676.00 CASH AND TWO VEHICLES. ARRESTED WERE:



**~ ANTHONY F. LOFTON (10/27/84) OF ROCKFORD
-POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DELIVER CANNABIS 10-30 GRAMS**



**~ DEVIN W.K. STRACK (6/7/96) OF ROCKFORD
-POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DELIVER CANNABIS 500-2000 GRAMS
-AGGRAVATED UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON
-NO FOID CARD
-PRODUCTION OF 50-200 CANNABIS SATIVA PLANTS**



**~ VICTOR V. TILSON (5/3/72) OF ROCKFORD
-ARREST WARRANT FOR:
POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DELIVER HEROIN 15-100 GRAMS
POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DELIVER COCAINE 15-100 GRAMS**

THE DETAILS ALSO YIELDED:

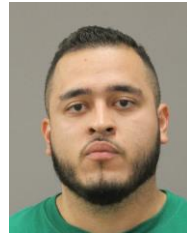
- ~87 TRAFFIC STOPS
- ~46 WRITTEN WARNINGS
- ~37 TRAFFIC CITATIONS
- ~22 CRIMINAL ARRESTS
- ~ 5 ARREST WARRANTS SERVED
- ~ 5 FLEEING TO ELUDE INCIDENTS
- ~ 2 GRAMS OF CANNABIS RECOVERED

- ~6.3 GRAMS OF COCAINE RECOVERED.
- ~2 HANDGUNS RECOVERED

OTHER ARRESTS INCLUDE:



- ~TEVIN J. GRAY (9/2/95) OF ROCKFORD
- POSSESSION OF COCAINE > 15 GRAMS
- AGGRAVATED UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON



- ~ERIC MELECIO (10/22/92) OF ROCKFORD
- POSSESSION OF COCAINE > 15 GRAMS
- UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON

THE CHARGES AGAINST LOFTON, STRACK, TILSON, GRAY AND MELECIO ARE MERELY ACCUSATIONS AND THEY ARE PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY IN A COURT OF LAW.

<p>: 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> <p>S/A-32C REVISED 07/01/12</p>	<p><u>SHERIFF GARY CARUANA</u> SUPERVISOR AUTHORIZING RELEASE</p> <p>DATE: <u>08/23/2016</u> TIME: <u>1000 HOURS</u></p>