

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS MEDIA RELEASE		NEWS RELEASE NUMBER 2016-099
INFORMATION: TEEN ARRESTED FOR WEAPONS/STOLEN VEHICLE CHARGES		
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ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH 2016 AT 12:12 A.M., A WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY SPOTTED A SILVER MAZDA PROTÉGÉ WITH NO REGISTRATION AFFIXED TO THE VEHICLE NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF HALSTED ROAD AND ALIDA STREET IN ROCKFORD. THE VEHICLE FLED WHEN THE DEPUTY ATTEMPTED TO MAKE A TRAFFIC STOP ON WINNEBAGO STREET. A PURSUIT WAS INITIATED AND THE SOLE OCCUPANT FLED FROM THE VEHICLE ON BARTON BOULEVARD AT RIDGE AVENUE WHILE THE VEHICLE WAS STILL MOVING. THE SUSPECT RAN TO A NEARBY YARD AND WAS APPREHENDED BY POLICE. THE SUSPECT IS A 16 YEAR OLD JUVENILE MALE. POLICE RECOVERED A LOADED 9MM HANDGUN FROM THE SUSPECT. THE MAZDA PROTÉGÉ WAS REPORTED STOLEN TO ROCKFORD POLICE ON NOVEMBER 27TH. THE REGISTERED OWNER WAS LOCATED AND DRIVEN TO THE SCENE TO RECOVER THEIR VEHICLE.

THE 16 YEAR OLD JUVENILE MALE IS CHARGED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- ~UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**
- ~POSSESSION OF A FIREARM WITHOUT A VALID FOID CARD**
- ~UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON/POSSESSION OF A WEAPON BY A FELON**
- ~ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**
- ~ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION**
- ~POSSESSION OF A STOLEN VEHICLE**
- ~RECKLESS DRIVING**
- ~AGGRAVATED FLEEING**

THE CHARGES AGAINST THE 16 YEAR OLD JUVENILE MALE ARE MERELY ACCUSATIONS. HE IS PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL FOUND 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 <small>S/A-32C REVISED 07/01/12</small>	<hr/> SHERIFF GARY CARUANA <hr/> SUPERVISOR AUTHORIZING RELEASE DATE: <u>11/ 29 /16</u> TIME: <u>1500</u> HOURS
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