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INFORMATION: JUNE 23 & 24 SATURATION PATROL DETAIL		
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ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JUNE 23 AND 24, 2017, THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HOSTED A SATURATION PATROL DETAIL. SEVERAL AREA POLICE DEPARTMENTS ASSISTED THE SHERIFF IN THE DETAIL, INCLUDING THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE, LOVES PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, SOUTH BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT, VILLAGE OF WINNEBAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHERRY VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT.

THE SATURATION PATROL TARGETED HIGH CRIME AREAS IN VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF ROCKFORD.

THE DETAIL YIELDED 147 TRAFFIC STOPS, 92 CITATIONS, 81 WRITTEN WARNINGS, 37 ARRESTS, 4 ARREST WARRANTS, 3 DUI'S AND 9 SUSPENDED/REVOKED DRIVING ARRESTS. OFFICERS IN THE DETAIL RECOVERED 76.7 GRAMS OF CANNABIS, .2 GRAMS OF HEROIN AND ONE STOLEN HANDGUN.

THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 6 VEHICLES THAT FLED FROM POLICE DURING ATTEMPTED TRAFFIC STOPS. WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES SUCCESSFULLY APPREHENDED 5 OF THE DRIVERS IN THESE PURSUITS. ONE OF THE PURSUITS INVOLVED TWO MEN WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH A HOME INVASION COMMITTED IN ROCKFORD. THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY HELICOPTER SPOTTED THE HOME INVASION SUSPECTS DURING A PURSUIT INTO LOVES PARK AND INFORMED POLICE UNITS ON THE GROUND. EVENTUALLY, WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S K9 "ARES" SUCCESSFULLY TRACKED AND APPREHENDED BOTH SUSPECTS.

SHERIFF GARY CARUANA WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THE DETAIL FOR THEIR COMMITMENT AND COMMEND ALL DEPUTIES AND OFFICERS INVOLVED FOR THEIR EFFORTS.