

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS MEDIA RELEASE		NEWS RELEASE NUMBER 2017-076
INFORMATION: TRAFFIC STOP RESULTS IN DRUG AND WEAPON CHARGES		
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ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 AT APPROXIMATELY 1:31 A.M., WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES STOPPED A SILVER DODGE NEON FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION AT NORTH SECOND STREET AND MELBOURNE AVENUE IN MACHESNEY PARK. DEPUTIES MADE CONTACT WITH THE INDIVIDUALS INSIDE THE DODGE NEON AND SMELLED A STRONG ODOR OF CANNABIS. A PASSENGER IN THE VEHICLE WAS OBSERVED GRABBING HIS WAISTBAND AND WAS PULLED FROM THE CAR. A BLACK COMPACT HANDGUN FELL FROM THE PASSENGER'S WAISTBAND TO THE GROUND AS HE WAS PULLED FROM THE VEHICLE. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE HANDGUN WAS STOLEN OUT OF OREGON, ILLINOIS. DEPUTIES SEARCHED THE CAR AND RECOVERED 238 GRAMS OF CANNABIS AND A SCALE. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE CHARGED AND LODGED IN THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY JAIL:

~ **ADRIAN PERALTA (08/13/1998) OF MOUNT MORRIS, IL.**

- DRIVING ON A SUSPENDED LICENSE.
- POSSESSION OF A STOLEN FIREARM.
- AGGRAVATED UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON BY A PERSON UNDER 21.
- POSSESSION OF A FIREARM/NO FOID.
- POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION/NO FOID.
- MANUFACTURE/DELIVERY OF CANNABIS 30-500 GRAMS



Adrian Peralta

~ **TOMMY MELECIO (10/08/1998) OF ROCKFORD, IL.**

- AGGRAVATED UNLAWFUL USE OF A CONCEALED WEAPON
- AGGRAVATED UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON BY A PERSON UNDER 21.
- POSSESSION OF A STOLEN FIREARM.
- No FOID.



Tommy Melecio

A 17 YEAR OLD JUVENILE MALE WAS CHARGED WITH OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE AND WAS RELEASED TO HIS MOTHER.

THE CHARGES AGAINST ADRIAN PERALTA AND TOMMY MELECIO ARE MERELY ACCUSATIONS AND THEY ARE PRESUMED INNOCENT UNLESS 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 : 	<p>SHERIFF GARY CARUANA</p> <hr/> <p>SUPERVISOR AUTHORIZING RELEASE</p> <p>DATE: <u>09/ 28 /17</u> TIME: <u>1100</u> HOURS</p>
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