

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS MEDIA RELEASE		NEWS RELEASE NUMBER 2017-086
INFORMATION: SHOTS FIRED ARREST BY SHERIFF'S TAC-TEAM		
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INFORMATION: AGGRAVATED UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON		
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On Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at 4:15 p.m., the Winnebago County Sheriff's TAC Team was in the area of 5th Avenue and 5th Street at which time members heard numerous gunshots being fired from 4th Avenue and 5th Street. TAC members saturated the block and located a red Jeep Cherokee occupied by one individual traveling southbound from the scene. TAC members stopped the vehicle and found the vehicle had been struck two times by gun fire. The driver was found to have a Revoked Driver's License and was arrested. A loaded 9 mm pistol was found under the seat of the vehicle. The driver was turned over to the Rockford Police Department for further investigation into the shots being fired.

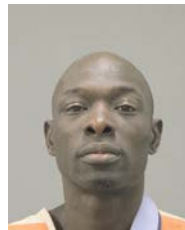
While on scene, an unrelated person approached deputies at the scene and attacked one of the officers. The deputy received only minor injuries. The suspect was arrested after a brief struggle with deputies.

Winnebago County TAC Deputies subsequently arrested both persons, charged them and lodged them in the Winnebago County Jail. The following persons were arrested:

- ~Charles Griffin 1/3/79 of Rockford**
 - Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon**
 - Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon**
 - Armed Habitual Criminal**



- ~Anthony D. Skelton 8/11/71 of Rockford**
 - Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer**
 - Resisting Arrest**



The charges against Griffin and Skelton are merely accusations and both are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law

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SHERIFF GARY CARUANA

SUPERVISOR AUTHORIZING RELEASE

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