

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS MEDIA RELEASE		NEWS RELEASE NUMBER 2018-04
INFORMATION: WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S K-9 UNIT RECOVERS DRUGS AND GUN		
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On Monday, January 8th, 2017, at approximately 1:35 pm, a Winnebago County Sheriff's Police K-9 unit observed a vehicle commit a traffic violation in the area of Elm St. and S Central Ave, in Rockford.

A traffic stop was performed at that location with the vehicle occupied by 3 subjects.

During contact with the 17 year old driver, consent to search for the vehicle was obtained.

The front seat passenger was a 16 year old male subject and rear seat passenger was a 13 year old male subject.

Pursuant to the search, a fully loaded, 9mm handgun, along with 10-30 grams of cannabis packaged for sale were recovered on the passenger side of the vehicle. The Handgun had been defaced to remove the serial numbers from the handgun. The 16 year old passenger admitted to possessing the items recovered.

The 13 year old rear seat passenger was found to have an outstanding arrest warrant.

The 16 year old passenger was charged with Aggravated Unlawful possession of a handgun, Aggravated Unlawful possession of a handgun by a person under 21 years of age, Possession of a firearm with a defaced serial number, and violation of the Cannabis control act, possession with intent to deliver 10-30 grams of Cannabis.

Both the 16 year old and 13 year old were lodged in Juvenile detention after interviews by Sheriff's Detective's. The 17 year old driver was later released on Traffic charges.

The charges against the juveniles are merely accusations and they are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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