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In October 2017, the Rock Valley College Police Department requested that the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department investigate one of their officers whom they believe was falsifying employment time sheets regarding military drill leave. This stemmed from an internal investigation began by Rock Valley College PD. Sheriff's Detectives began an investigation into the matter and found that the officer was allegedly taking paid leave on days in which there was no military drill from 2013 to 2017.

The discrepancies were discovered in September 2017 and the officer had resigned from Rock Valley College during the internal investigation. The officer currently works part time for the Village of Winnebago Police Department where he is on administrative leave.

On Wednesday, January 24, 2017, a review of the case was conducted by the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office. Charges were authorized and a warrant was obtained for the officer, who subsequently turned himself in to the Winnebago County Jail. He was book in jail and released after posting bond. The following individual was arrested and charged:

~Vincent P. Lara 7/25/71 of Rockford

-Theft (Over)

The charges against Lara are merely accusations and he is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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