

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS MEDIA RELEASE		NEWS RELEASE NUMBER 2019-024
INFORMATION: KIDNAPPING SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATION		
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On Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at approximately 0630 hours, the Rockton Police Department observed a female in need of assistance in downtown Rockton. The female reported that she had been taken by force from a retail establishment in Rockford by her ex-boyfriend on Tuesday evening. She reported that she was taken to the Sugar River Forest Preserve in rural Winnebago County where she was beaten, strangled and sexually assaulted. The female victim was able to escape from the suspect at a local gas station in Rockton.

Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputies assisted Rockton Police and Roscoe Police in taking the suspect into custody after a short pursuit along IL Route 2 and IL Route 75. The suspect fought with Deputies and Officers who were able to safely take him into custody.

Winnebago County Sheriff's Detectives took over the investigation and after speaking with the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office, charges were authorized and the suspect was lodged in the Winnebago County Jail. The follow person was charged:

~Charles E. Swift Dob: 11/22/69 of Rockford

- Aggravated Domestic Battery (3 Counts)**
- Aggravated Battery**



Rockton Police charged Swift with the following charges:

- Aggravated Fleeing to Elude**
- Driving After Revocation**

Winnebago County Sheriff's Detectives will continue the investigation and further charges are pending.

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

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