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Loves Park Man Arrested After Two Car Crash in Unincorporated Winnebago County

On September 28, 2020, at approximately 8:30pm, Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the 5500 block of Kilburn Avenue for a traffic crash with injuries. Upon arrival, deputies located a Chevy Silverado and Honda pickup truck; both had heavy front end damage. Deputies located a female passenger in the Silverado who was transported to a Rockford hospital with life threatening injuries. The male driver of the Honda pickup truck was also transported to a Rockford hospital for injuries. Deputies were unable to locate the driver of the Silverado but witnesses reported seeing a male fleeing the scene shortly after the crash. During the course of the preliminary investigation deputies developed Benjamin D. Welter as the suspect. Welter was located at a residence in the 200 block of Liberty Boulevard in Machesney Park and transported to a Rockford hospital for injuries he had sustained in the crash. The investigation was reviewed by the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office and the following charges were authorized.

Benjamin D. Welter (DOB: 3/31/1992) of Loves Park

- Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol/Drugs(5 Counts)
- Failure to Report a Personal Injury Accident

Welter is currently being held without bond at the Winnebago County Jail.

The charges against Benjamin D. Welter are merely allegations and Welter is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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