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ARREST MADE IN ONYX BAR & GRILL SHOOTING

On Sunday, February 26, 2023, at approximately 1:00a.m., Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputies, along with several other law enforcement agencies, responded to Onyx Bar & Grill, 1001 West Lane Road in Machesney Park for a shooting with multiple victims. Upon arrival, it was learned that an altercation had occurred in the bar and shots were fired. A total of four individuals were shot and taken to local hospitals. A fifth individual was injured during the dispute and transported to a local hospital.

During the course of the investigation, it was learned that a suspect had entered the bar and had an altercation with another person. The suspect was removed from the establishment by security, but later returned with a handgun. When the suspect re-entered the bar, he went directly over to the person he had the original altercation with and fired several shots.

Winnebago County Sheriff's Detectives conducted an investigation and identified the shooter as Jimmie Lee Rogers, 31, of Machesney Park, IL. Rogers is currently on parole with the Illinois Department of Corrections. An arrest warrant was issued for Rogers for Attempted Murder, Aggravated Battery/Discharge of a Firearm, Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon and Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

On Monday, February 27, 2023 at approximately 11:00a.m., Rogers was taken into custody in the area of Sandy Hollow Road and 20th Street in Rockford. Rogers is currently in the Winnebago County Jail and being held without bond. He is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

One individual was admitted to the hospital with life threatening injuries at the time of the incident. His condition has been upgraded to stable.

Two other individuals are still in the hospital in stable condition. One individual has since been released from the hospital.

This case is still under investigation and anyone with information is encouraged to call the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office at (815) 282-2600 or Rockford Area Crime Stoppers at (815) 963.7867.

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