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## News Release

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### **Rockford Man Charged with Over 50 kg. Cocaine during Multi-Agency Search Warrant**

Members of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit began receiving information on a subject selling cocaine and marijuana in the Rockford area. During this long term investigation, they identified the individual as Marcial Arteaga-Carrion of Rockford. The investigation led members to two different residences in Rockford.

Today, Monday, May 11, 2026 members of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) and the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) executed search warrants in the 1800 block of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and 800 block of Brooke Road, Rockford. During the execution of the search warrants, deputies located over 54 kilograms of cocaine, which has a street value of approximately 2 million dollars, over 7000 grams of marijuana, 2 handguns and over \$167,000 United States Currency.

Sheriff Gary Caruana stated, "This case highlights the outstanding work and collaboration between our local and federal law enforcement partners. Removing this large quantity of dangerous narcotics from our community has undoubtedly made Winnebago County safer. I am proud of the dedication and professionalism shown not only by our Narcotics Unit, but by the entire Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, whose commitment to protecting our residents is evident every day."

The Winnebago County States Attorney's Office reviewed the facts of the case and authorized the following charges:

#### **Marcial Arteaga-Carrion (age 28) of Rockford, IL:**

- Manufacture/Delivery of Cannabis over 5,000 grams
- Manufacture/Delivery of Cocaine over 900 grams
- Unlawful Use of Weapon (2 counts)

This is an ongoing investigation and the charges against **Marcial Arteaga-Carrion** are merely accusations and he is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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