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ROCKFORD MAN CHARGED AFTER A NARCOTICS INVESTIGATION

Members of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department Narcotics Unit received information on subjects selling a large amount of cocaine in the Rockford area and began an investigation. On Wednesday November 5th, deputies observed a silver sedan in the area of 23rd Street and 12th Avenue that was identified as being involved in this investigation. After approaching the driver, identified as Ariel Q. Galindo, he was found to be in possession of over 500 grams of cocaine. The Winnebago County States Attorney's Office reviewed the facts of the case and authorized the following charges:

Ariel Q. Galindo (age 40) of Rockford, IL.

-Possession with Intent to Deliver 400-900 Grams of Cocaine

The investigation is ongoing and further arrests are expected. The charges against Ariel Q. Galindo are merely accusations and he is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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