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Rockford Man Arrested on Multiple Outstanding Warrants

On Thursday May 20, 2021, The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department Narcotics Unit and Detective Bureau were conducting surveillance in an attempt to locate and arrest Robert A. Thompson. Thompson had several active arrest warrants from the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department and Rockford Police Department. The warrants were for Reckless Discharge of a Firearm, Disorderly Conduct, Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (two counts), Armed Habitual Criminal and Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon. Sheriff's Department Narcotics Deputies and Detectives located Thompson driving a vehicle. They followed Thompson until he abruptly parked his vehicle, got out, and ran away on foot carrying a backpack. Thompson was taken into custody for his valid arrest warrants after a short foot pursuit. Over 300 grams of Cannabis, a large amount of USC and a loaded firearm were recovered from the backpack Thompson was carrying during his arrest.

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

Robert A. Thompson (DOB: 02/10/1985) of Rockford, IL

- Armed Habitual Criminal. This charge is a Class X Felony.
- Armed Violence. This charge is a Class X Felony.
- Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon. This charge is a Class 3 Felony.
- Possession with the Intent to Deliver 30-500 grams of Cannabis. This charge is a Class 3 Felony.
- Resisting a Peace Officer. This charge is a Class A Misdemeanor.

The charges against Robert A. Thompson are merely allegations and he is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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