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## News Release

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### **Two People Arrested After Narcotics Investigation**

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department had received complaints regarding the sale of narcotics at multiple different locations within Winnebago County. Deputies from the Narcotics Unit began an investigation and developed a suspect in the sale. On August 19, 2020 at approximately 2:30pm, Deputies observed a drug transaction being conducted from inside of a vehicle in the 3100 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Rockford. Deputies and members of the TAC Team followed the suspect vehicle to a gas station located on Airport Drive. The driver, later identified as Michael M. Mallett, exited the vehicle and was taken into custody inside the gas station. A front seat female passenger, Adriana Jimenez, was also taken into custody. DCFS took custody of two young children, ages 1 and 3, who were in the backseat of the vehicle. During a search of the vehicle, Deputies located fentanyl and a loaded full automatic handgun. The Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office reviewed the facts of the case and authorized the following charges:

**Michael M. Mallett (DOB: 7/19/1997) of Rockford, Illinois**

- Unlawful Use of Weapons
- Armed Violence
- Delivery of a Controlled Substance
- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance
- Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon
- Endanger Life/Health of a Child (2 Counts)

**Adriana A. Jimenez (DOB: 7/28/2000) of Rockford, Illinois**

- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance
- Endanger Life/Health of a Child
- Resisting a Peace Officer

The charges against Michael M. Mallett and Adriana A. Jimenez are merely allegations and both suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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