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## Blue Island Man Charged with Kidnapping, Murder, and Attempted Murder

**ROCKFORD, IL** – On Saturday, July 8, 2023, Rockford Police officers were dispatched at approximately 12:07 p.m. in response to a call from a woman who advised that her 6-year-old daughter came home and stated that a man took her 10-year-old sister.

At approximately 12:40 p.m., Rockford Police officers were flagged down by a male who reported locating an unresponsive juvenile girl outside of a residence in the 1200 block of 9th Avenue. Upon arrival, officers located the child and began administering CPR. Rockford Fire Department arrived on scene and transported the child to a local hospital where she was pronounced deceased.

A perimeter was immediately established and a Rockford Police officer assigned with a K9 Unit, located a man that matched the description of a suspect near 9th Street and Woodruff. The man, later identified as Antonio Monroe, was taken into custody after a brief struggle. He was taken to a local hospital for an unrelated issue and once released, Monroe will be transported to the Winnebago County Jail.

After a review of the facts of the case, The Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office authorized the following charges:

**Antonio Monroe, 44, Blue Island**

First Degree Murder  
Attempted Murder  
Kidnapping (2 counts)  
Aggravated Battery/Strangulation

As with any and all investigations, there may be further charges and arrests.

The charges are merely accusations and all individuals are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.





If you have any information regarding this incident or any incidents, please contact the Rockford Police Department at 815-966-2900, on Facebook (@RockfordIllinoisPoliceDepartment) or on Twitter (@RockfordPD).

To submit an **anonymous** tip, text the word RPDTIP and your tip to 847411 or get the Rockford PD App in the App Store or Google Play Store. You can also leave an **anonymous** tip with Rockford Area Crime Stoppers at 815-963-7867.

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