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# INFORMATION RELEASE

**DATE & TIME**      12/12/11 5:13 PM

**Bureau:**              Investigative Services Bureau

**Authorized Supervisor:**    Lt. Marc Welsh

**Phone:**                (815)967-6976

**Incident:**              Murder investigation

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### MESSAGE

On Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 shortly after 6:30 PM, members of the Rockford Police Department responded to the 6900 block of Hiatt Drive in reference to shots fired. On arrival to the area, officers located the victim of gun shot wounds lying in the street. The victim, identified as Paul R. Ezop, 46 years of age, was transported to a local hospital where he died as a result of his injuries.

Detectives are investigating an incident that may be related to the murder. Just prior to the shooting mentioned above, there may have been a road range incident in the north bound lanes of N. Alpine Road south of E. Riverside Blvd. The vehicles involved in this incident include a light blue Cutlass Calais driven by the victim and maroon or brown full size Chevrolet sport utility vehicle (SUV) with the Z71 package driven by a black male. The sports utility vehicle involved may have the Z71 signifier on both sides of the vehicle near the rear of the vehicle.

Anyone with information, please contact the Rockford Police Department shift commander at (815)987-5824 or CrimeStoppers at (815)963-7867.

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