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TRAFFIC RELEASE

DATE & TIME **09/12/13 10:16 AM**

Bureau: **Field Services Bureau**

Authorized Supervisor: **Lt. Patrick Hoey**

Phone: **815-987-5744**

Incident: **Update to fatal hit and run accident**

MESSAGE

Shortly after 11:00 AM on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 the Rockford Police and Fire Departments responded to a pedestrian traffic crash at Sandy Hollow Road and 35th Street. Upon officer's arrival they discovered a 54 year old male lying alongside the roadway. Rockford Fire Department personnel advised that the male was deceased.

Initial investigation shows that the victim was doing work alongside the roadway installing fiber optic cable. The area was marked with construction warning signage.

The victim has been identified as Clinton Siens 54 years old, of Raritan Il.

The Rockford Police Department's Traffic Investigations Unit conducted a follow up investigation. At approximately 7:00 PM on September 11, 2013 the Rockford Police M3 Streets Team responded to a Crime Stopper's tip that the driver and van were at a residence in Rockford. Officers were able to locate a 1998 Ford Minivan which was involved in this accident. After reviewing this investigation with the Winnebago County State's Attorneys' Office the following charges were authorized against:

Joshua J Pepper, 33 years old of Rockford

Leaving the Scene of an Accident involving Death (Class 1 Felony),
Driving After Suspension (Class A Misdemeanor),
Disobeying A Traffic Control Device, and
Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle.

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This case will continue to be followed up by the Rockford Police Traffic Unit and the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office and additional charges may be authorized.

These charges are merely accusations. He is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

A photo of Peppers is attached to this release.

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