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ARREST RELEASE

DATE & TIME 10/03/13 4:25 PM

Bureau: Field Services Bureau

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Incident: Fatal Hit and Run Crash - Arrest

MESSAGE

At approximately 11:16 pm on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 Rockford Police Officers responded to the area of Charles St. and 28th St. in reference to a hit and run traffic crash involving a pedestrian. Upon arrival officers located a male subject in the roadway that appeared to have been struck by a vehicle.

The victim, identified as 51 year old Rockford resident Todd Jackson, was pronounced dead at a local hospital shortly after the crash.

Officers conducting the investigation spoke to one witness who reported seeing the victim walking southbound across Charles St. Officers determined a vehicle travelling eastbound on Charles St. struck the victim but did not stop and drove away from the scene.

Rockford Police Department Traffic Investigators, acting on Crime Stoppers tip located the suspected hit and run vehicle parked at a residence in the 1900 block of North Court Street. The driver of the vehicle was located inside the residence and was interviewed.

The investigation was reviewed with the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office and the following individual was charged:

Justin L. Martin, W/M 32 years of age, Rockford resident
Charge: Leaving the Scene of an Accident involving Death (Class 1 Felony)
Operation of Uninsured Motor Vehicle

This case is still under investigation and additional charges may be authorized. The charges against Martin are accusations and he is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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