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UPDATE

On June 21, 2015 at approximately 10:11pm Rockford Police officers attempted a traffic stop on a 2006 Pontiac Grand Am at N. Rockton Avenue and Yonge Street. The Grand Am immediately fled from the officers and the officers did not pursue. At 10:13pm Rockford Police received a call for a traffic crash at N. Court Street and Yonge Street. Upon arrival officers discovered that this same Pontiac Grand Am had crashed into a tree. The sole male occupant was extricated from the vehicle and transported to a local hospital where he is listed in critical condition. Officers spoke to several witnesses who advised that the Grand Am was traveling at an extremely high rate of speed before it left the roadway and struck a tree.

On June 23, 2015 the Winnebago County Coroner's Office was notified that the driver of the Pontiac, **Tristan Murphy**, 23 years old of Rockford, died from injuries he sustained from this accident.

This crash is being reconstructed by Rockford Police Traffic Investigators and remains under investigation.

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