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Incident: **Update Fatal Traffic Crash-N. 2nd Street and Y Blvd.**

MESSAGE

At approximately 0447 hours on May 20, 2014, officers of the Rockford Police Department responded to N. 2nd Street and Y Blvd to investigate a traffic crash. The initial investigation revealed that the driver of a white Chevy Impala lost control of his vehicle while merging from northbound Longwood Street onto N. 2nd Street. The vehicle went over two medians, went air borne, and came to rest on top of a red Chevy S10 pickup truck that was travelling southbound on N. 2nd Street. The driver of the red Chevy S10 was pronounced deceased by Rockford Fire Department at the scene. The driver of the Impala left the scene, but was apprehended a short distance away.

Investigators of the Rockford Police Department Traffic Unit reviewed the facts of the case with the Winnebago County States Attorney's Office. After reviewing the case, the following charges were authorized against the driver of the white Impala.

Driver: George White, 46 years old, Rockford, Illinois

Charges: Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol/Drugs
Leaving the Scene of a Traffic Crash involving Death
Aggravated Driving After Revocation

Charges against White are merely accusations and White is presumed to be innocent until proven guilty by a court of law.

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