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DATE & TIME **05/20/14 11:30 AM**

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Incident: **Traffic Fatality-North Second and Y Blvd**

MESSAGE

At approximately 0447 hours, officers of the Rockford Police Department responded to N. 2nd St and Y Blvd to investigate a traffic crash. Upon arrival officers located a crash scene in the southbound lanes, just south of Y Blvd. The initial investigation revealed that the driver of a white Chevy Impala was travelling northbound on Longwood, merging onto to N. 2nd Street, when he lost control of his vehicle. The driver drove over two median's striking a guard rail in between the north and southbound lanes. The Impala went air borne and came to rest on a red Chevy S10 pickup truck that was travelling south on N. 2nd Street. The driver of the S10 was later pronounced deceased at the scene by Rockford Fire Department personnel.

The driver of the Chevy Impala fled the scene on foot after the crash, but was taken into custody a short time later. Rockford Police Traffic Investigators are on scene conducting their follow up investigation and they anticipate both the north and southbound lanes, near the scene, will be closed until approximately 1300 hours on May 20, 2014.

The name of the victim will not be released pending notification of next of kin. No formal charges have been filed against the driver of the Impala pending review with the Winnebago County States Attorney's Office.

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