



## ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# TRAFFIC RELEASE

**DATE & TIME**      **09/03/13 3:58 PM**

**Bureau:**              **Field Services Bureau**

**Authorized Supervisor:**    **Lt. Patrick Hoey-**

**Phone:**                **815-987-5744**

**Incident:**              **Update to Fatal Traffic Crash, September 2, 2013, 5600  
11<sup>th</sup> Street**

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## MESSAGE

At approximately 12:13 am on 09/02/2013, Rockford Police Officers were sent to the area of 5600 11th Street in reference to a traffic crash. Upon arrival, officers located a 2002 GMC Envoy (SUV) occupied by the sole driver and a 2007 Chrysler 300, occupied by four subjects in the ditch. The rear seat male passenger in the Chrysler 300 identified as 35 year old Richard E. Parker from Rockford was pronounced dead at the scene.

The investigation revealed that the north bound Envoy driven by Steven Pancyrz, 19 years old from Rockford rear ended the Chrysler 300 driven by Kenneth J. Berg 40 years old from Harvard.

The investigation was reviewed with the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office and the following charges were authorized:

Steven R. Pancyrz, M/W 19 years old, New Milford, IL

Charges:

- Reckless driving,
- Reckless Homicide
- Aggravated Driving Under the Influence (DUI) involving Death
- Suspended Driver's License
- No Insurance
- Minor Drinking

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Kenneth J. Berg, M/W 38 years old, Harvard, IL

### Charges

- Driving Under the Influence (DUI)
- Driving Under the Influence, BAC over .08

The charges against Pancyrz and Berg are allegations and all subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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