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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Arrest Release**

ROCKFORD, IL - On July 5, 2015, at approximately 2:15 p.m., Rockford Police officers were sent to the 4000 block of Auburn Street in reference to a hit and run accident involving a pedestrian. Upon arrival, officers located 58-year-old Rockford resident Marvin King suffering from multiple injuries as a result of being struck by a vehicle. King was pronounced dead at the scene.

Witnesses described a dark colored truck traveling westbound in the 4000 block of Auburn Street. The driver of the vehicle struck King, who was walking eastbound in the grassy area north of the roadway. The driver then fled the scene.

Rockford Police traffic investigators conducted a follow up investigation. Once the investigation was completed, the case was reviewed by the Winnebago County State's Attorney's office. The State's Attorney's Office authorized charges of Leaving the Scene of a Fatal Traffic Accident, Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and Driving while License Suspended against 39-year-old Rockford resident, Jami L. Smith. A warrant was subsequently issued. Smith was arrested earlier today in the 500 block of Seminary Street in Rockford. She is being held on \$500,000 bond.

**\*\*The charges against Smith are merely accusations. Smith is to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*A current photo of Smith is not available at this time.\*\*\***

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