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# INFORMATION RELEASE

**DATE & TIME**      **05/27/14 1:53 PM**

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

**Authorized Supervisor:**    **Assistant Deputy Chief Doug Pann**

**Phone:**                **815-961-3214**

**Incident:**              **UPDATE - Homicide Investigation Pearl Street and  
Hutchins Avenue**

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## MESSAGE

On Monday May 26, 2014 at about 1:15 p.m., Rockford Police District 2 officers responded to the area of Pearl Street and Hutchins Avenue for a report of shots fired and a traffic crash. Upon arrival, officers located an unoccupied pickup truck crashed into a parked car in the 500 block of Pearl Street. Officers then located a shooting victim **Andrew Barth, a 21 year old Rockford man**, inside a private residence. The Rockford Fire Department responded to render aid and the victim was transported to a local hospital where he died.

The preliminary investigation revealed Barth and another man were near the intersection when they became engaged in an altercation with the occupants of a dark colored mini-van. An African American male in his 20s exited the mini-van and fired shots into Barth's vehicle. The suspect then returned to the mini-van and fled from the area driven by another unknown suspect. Barth crashed his vehicle and fled into the private residence while his companion fled on foot.

This is an ongoing investigation and anyone with information is urged to contact the Rockford Police Department at 815-987-5824 or Rockford Area Crime Stoppers at 815-963-7867.

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