



## ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# INFORMATION RELEASE

**DATE & TIME**            **02/03/14 12:03 PM**

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

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

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

**Incident:**                    **Murder - 1000 9<sup>th</sup> Street - Name Release Additional Info**

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### MESSAGE

At about 2:50 a.m. on Sunday February 2, 2014, Rockford Police District 2 Officers responded to the area of 1000 9<sup>th</sup> Street for a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, Officers located Anthony Smiley, a 24-year-old Poplar Grove man, deceased in a parking lot on the northeast corner. Smiley was the victim of gunshot wounds. Another victim, Anthony Riggs, a 25-year-old Rockford man, arrived at a local hospital suffering from life-threatening injuries and remains in critical condition.

The initial investigation revealed that Smiley and Riggs were at an impromptu gathering in the parking lot when a verbal altercation ensued. The verbal altercation led to gunfire and the two victims were struck.

This is an on-going investigation, and the Rockford Police Department would like to ask anyone with information regarding the incident to contact the District 2 Offices at 815-961-2406, or the Patrol Shift Commander at 815-987-5824.

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