



## ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# TRAFFIC RELEASE

**DATE & TIME**      **04/29/14 8:01 AM**

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

**Authorized Supervisor:**    **Lieutenant Patrick Hoey**

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

**Incident:**              **Serious Traffic Crash, Morgan St. & West St**

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### MESSAGE

On April 28, 2014 at approximately 10:20 PM a Rockford Police Officer, driving a marked squad car attempted a traffic stop on a Chevrolet Tahoe at West Street and Blake Street for a traffic violation. The Tahoe did not stop and continued to travel south bound on West Street. The Tahoe traveled two blocks and did not stop for the stop sign at Morgan Street. The Tahoe struck a Pontiac Bonneville that was west bound on Morgan Street. The impact caused both vehicles to come to rest in a yard on the south west corner of the intersection. The black male driver of the Tahoe exited the vehicle and fled on foot. The officer went to the Bonneville and located a sole male driver unresponsive. Rockford Fire Department responded and transported the driver of the Bonneville to a local hospital where he is listed in critical condition. The driver of the Tahoe was not located.

The crash site is closed to traffic while traffic investigators reconstruct the accident.

The name of the driver of the Bonneville is not being released at this time. If anyone has information on this crash they are urged to contact the Rockford Police Department at (815) 987-5824 or Crime Stoppers at (815) 963-7867.

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