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### TRAFFIC RELEASE

On December 5, 2014 around 3:00pm Rockford Police and Fire Department responded to a two vehicle accident in the 3900 Block of Charles St. Upon arrival, officers located a Buick Rendezvous with heavy front end damaged up against a tree on the corner of Charles and Radcliff and a Pontiac Sunfire with heavy rear end damage in the intersection of Charles and Blenheim. All occupants of each vehicle were extricated and transported to local hospitals.

Initial investigation revealed the driver of the Buick, 27yo male, Roscoe resident, was traveling east on Charles St in the 3900 Block at a high rate of speed. This vehicle then rear ended an eastbound Pontiac driven by a 48yo female, Rockford resident. After the first impact, the Buick went off the road and struck a tree head on at Charles and Radcliff. The driver and passenger of the Buick, 25yo female, Pecatonica resident, were extricated from the vehicle and transported to local hospitals with life threatening injuries. The driver and sole occupant of the Pontiac was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The Rockford Police Department's Traffic Investigation Unit is currently reconstructing the accident. Excessive speed is a contributing factor. Drugs and alcohol are also being investigated as a potential contributing factor in this accident.

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