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Incident: **UPDATE Fatal Traffic Crash 15th Avenue and 7th Street**

MESSAGE

On Tuesday March 4, 2014 at about 12:43 a.m., Rockford Police District 2 Officers responded to a report of multiple shots fired in the area of Kishwaukee Street and College Avenue involving the occupants of a dark colored Chevrolet Monte Carlo. While checking the area for the suspect vehicle, Neighborhood Response Unit Officers located a maroon Chevrolet Monte Carlo in the 1700 block of Kishwaukee Street. The vehicle left the area at a high rate of speed eastbound on 15th Avenue. Near the intersection of 15th Avenue and 7th Street, the Monte Carlo left the roadway and struck a tree on the south terrace.

The driver of the vehicle, Drakkar Malone, a 25-year-old Rockford man, was transported to a local hospital with serious but non-life threatening injuries and remains in the hospital.

A 17-year-old Rockford male, Robert Wilson, was ejected from the vehicle upon impact and was transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries. Wilson died of his injuries during the early morning hours.

A 16-year-old Rockford female was transported to a local hospital with serious but non-life threatening injuries, and remains hospitalized in stable condition.

The Rockford Police Department Traffic Unit is reconstructing the crash and continuing the investigation. Once complete, we will review the investigation with the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office to determine if charges will be filed. This is an active investigation and we ask anyone with information to contact the Rockford Police Department at 815-987-5824 or 815-961-2406.

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