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TRAFFIC RELEASE

On Friday, July 1, 2016 at around 3:58 pm, Rockford Police and Rockford Fire were sent to the area of 100 Whitman St. for a serious injury traffic accident involving multiple vehicles. Initial investigation revealed a 28 year-old female was driving westbound on the bridge while another vehicle was stopped, disabled on the bridge. Three vehicles were involved in the collision that occurred when the westbound vehicle collided with a stopped vehicle, forcing it into another vehicle. Two vehicles later had to be towed from the scene.

Rockford Fire responded and transported several people to a local hospital. One juvenile passenger had life-threatening injuries from the crash. These injuries were later downgraded to non life-threatening.

The Rockford Police Department Traffic Unit conducted an investigation and subsequently charged 28 year-old Francis Barrios of Rockford with: Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, Operation of an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and a Child Restraint violation.

The information contained within this notification does not reflect the actual guilt or innocence of the individual or individuals listed. All parties are presumed innocent until they are proven guilty in a court of law. Not every arrest or charge leads to a conviction. A conviction or an acquittal will be determined by the court system.

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