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DATE & TIME **08/19/13 12:34 PM**

Bureau: **Field Services Bureau**

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Incident: **Vehicle accident with a serious injury**

MESSAGE

On Sunday, August 18th, 2013 shortly before 5:00 AM, members of the Rockford Police Department responded to the intersection of N. Rockton Avenue and Overdene Street in reference to a vehicle crash. Once at the scene, officers learned a vehicle that was north bound on Rockton Avenue struck the south side of a residence located in the 3000 block of N. Rockton Avenue. Rockford Fire Department personnel were called to the scene and had to extricate the driver who was the lone occupant of the vehicle. The driver, Devonte O. Townsend, 19 years of age, Rockford, Illinois was transported to a local hospital by Rockford Fire Department paramedics. The driver is still listed in critical condition.

During the vehicle crash, the resident of the address that was struck by the vehicle was home but not injured.

Rockford Police Department Traffic Investigators are conducting an investigation into the cause of the vehicle crash.

Anyone with information regarding the vehicle crash is encouraged to contact the Rockford Police Department shift commander at (815)987-5824 or CrimeStoppers at (815)963-7867.

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