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# TRAFFIC RELEASE

**DATE & TIME**            **08/22/13 12:48 PM**

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

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**Phone:**                    **(815) 987-5876**

**Incident:**                 **Fatal Traffic Accident**

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## MESSAGE

On August 21, 2013 around 3:30pm, members of the Rockford Police Department and Rockford Fire Department were sent to W. State and Vista Terrace for a vehicle versus bicycle accident. Initial investigation revealed a 71 year old male (Rockford resident) was riding his bicycle north on Vista Terrace and crossed into the intersection with W. State St. The bicyclist then collided into the side on an eastbound 2002 Blue Chevy Trailblazer which was occupied by a 35 year old female driver (Rockford Resident) and a female passenger. The bicyclist was taken to a local hospital for serious head and abdominal injuries. The occupants of the SUV were not injured.

On August 22, 2013, the bicyclist 71 year Stanley J Smith of Rockford died from the injuries sustained in the accident.

Members of the Rockford Police Dept Traffic Unit are continuing the investigation. No charges have been filed at this time. Due to the ongoing investigation, the name of the driver of the SUV is not being released.

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