



*Office of Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey
LEADING BOLDLY, WORKING TOGETHER*

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CONTACT INFORMATION:

**Julia Scott Valdez
HR Director/Deputy City Administrator**

March 7, 2014

**Phone: 815-987-5583
E-mail: Julia.valdez@rockfordil.gov**

ROCKFORD PD REQUESTS TASK FORCE INVESTIGATE ACCIDENT

Rockford, IL. March 7, 2014: The City of Rockford has requested that the Winnebago and Boone County Integrity Task Force complete the traffic investigation into the fatal traffic accident which occurred on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 near the intersection of 15th Avenue and 7th Street when a maroon Chevrolet Monte Carlo 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 of March 4, 2014. A 16-year-old Rockford female was transported to a local hospital with serious but non-life threatening injuries.

The City of Rockford will not make any additional comments on this matter. Any further questions regarding this incident should be directed to the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office or the Winnebago and Boone County Integrity Task Force PIO Illinois State Police Lieutenant Todd Shaver (815) 979-9445 or via email at todd.shaver@isp.state.il.us.

###