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DATE & TIME **06/06/09 6:55 PM**

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Incident: **Motor Vehicle Crash involving Fatality**

MESSAGE

On 06/06/2009 at 12:01 PM, Rockford Police responded to a serious two vehicle crash in the 3900 block of West Riverside Blvd.

Upon arrival, officers observed that a collision had occurred in the intersection of West Riverside and the service drive opposite from the Wal-Mart Shopping Center. Involved vehicles were a blue 1990 Chevrolet Pickup Truck and a 2002 silver Ford Escape.

Occupants of the pickup truck, Jason D. Reeds (31) of Rockford, and two juvenile children, were injured and transported to Rockford Memorial Hospital. Their injuries were considered minor and were released after being treated by hospital personnel.

The Ford Escape was driven by an 84 year old male Rockford resident. A passenger in the Ford, the driver's 81 year old wife, was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver was transported to Rockford Memorial Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Their identities are being withheld pending notification of family.

Initial accounts reveal that the Ford Escape was east bound on Riverside Blvd. in the north turn lane. The pickup truck was west bound on Riverside approaching the service drive intersection. The collision occurred as the Ford Escape was turning north (left) in the intersection in front of the on-coming pick-up truck.

No arrests have been made.

The cause of the accident remains under investigation.

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