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TRAFFIC RELEASE

DATE & TIME 06/11/09 2:37 PM

Bureau: Support Services Bureau

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Incident: Serious Injury Motor Vehicle Crash

MESSAGE

On 06/11/2009 at 5:54 AM, Rockford Police responded to a serious two vehicle crash in the 800 block of North Mulford Road.

Upon arrival, officers observed that a collision had occurred in the intersection of North Mulford Rd and Apowamis Way. Involved vehicles were a blue 2003 Chevrolet Impala and a red 2007 Harley Davidson motorcycle.

The driver of the Chevrolet Impala, Joaquin Diaz DeLeon (40) of Rockford, was transported to Swedish American Hospital for minor injuries. He was treated by hospital staff and released. The driver of the motorcycle, a 44 year old male Machesney Park resident was transported to St. Anthony's Hospital. He is listed in critical condition with life threatening injuries. His identity is not being released until notification of family.

Initial accounts reveal that the motorcycle was southbound on Mulford Rd approaching Apowamis Way. The Chevrolet Impala was east bound on Apowamis Way, entering the intersection of Mulford Rd. The collision occurred in the southbound lanes of Mulford Rd. Apowamis stops for Mulford Road.

DeLeon was cited for Left Turn Prohibited. After posting bond, he was later released from custody.

The crash will be reviewed by the Winnebago County State's Attorneys Office for any other potential charges.

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