



## ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# INFORMATION RELEASE

**DATE & TIME**            **12/02/09 9:54 AM**

**Bureau:**                    **Investigative Services Bureau**

**Authorized Supervisor:**    **Deputy Chief Greg Lindmark**

**Phone:**                     **815/967-6976**

**Incident:**                    **Stolen Vehicle Used in Crimes**

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## MESSAGE

During the past several days the Rockford Police Dept. has received reports of several crimes believed to involve the same stolen vehicle from the Rockford Area. The vehicle, a **bluish-gray or silver 1994 Chevrolet Lumina Minivan**, was reported stolen on 11/28/09 from an auto repair shop on Rockford's Southeast side. The Illinois license plate number of the van is **SEH958**.

On 11/28/09 at about 5:30 p.m. a vehicle similar to the stolen minivan was the suspect vehicle in a **Robbery** that occurred to a pizza delivery driver in the 500 block of Oakley Ave. During that incident the vehicle was reported to be occupied by two black male suspects. One of the suspects fired several rounds from a .45 caliber handgun at the victim, who was uninjured.

On 11/30/09 at about 10:00 a.m. a vehicle similar to the stolen minivan was used in a **Burglary to Vehicle** incident that occurred in the 100 block of Robert Ave. The suspect was described as a black male in his 30's.

On 11/30/09 at about 8:30 p.m. an **Armed Robbery / Home Invasion** was reported at the Alpine Inn, 4404 E. State St. The suspects in that incident were reported to be three black males who were driving a vehicle similar to the stolen minivan. The suspects were armed with handguns during this incident, however no shots were fired.

Detectives from the Rockford Police Dept. are conducting follow-up investigations into all of the listed incidents. There is also reason to believe that the same stolen minivan has been used in other similar incidents in neighboring jurisdictions.

The subjects who occupy this vehicle should be considered armed and dangerous. Anyone with information regarding the identity of the suspects or the location of the minivan is asked to contact the Rockford Police Dept. or their local law enforcement agency.