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FATAL ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

On June 14, 2022 at 9:35p.m., Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the 10800 Block of Ventura Boulevard for a report of a single vehicle traffic accident. Upon arrival deputies discovered a black Honda Civic had struck a pole and had heavy front end damage. The front seat passenger, a 17 year old male was transported to a Rockford hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Another passenger in the vehicle was also transported to a Rockford hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The driver of the vehicle, Emily K. Reid, 27, of Machesney Park was not injured in the accident.

The preliminary investigation revealed that Reid was traveling westbound on Ventura Boulevard when she lost control went off the road and struck the pole.

The Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office reviewed the case and authorized the following charges:

Emily K. Reid, 27 of Machesney Park

- Aggravated DUI causing of death

The charges against Reid are merely allegations and are considered innocent until or unless proven guilty in the court of law.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department is conducting an investigation. No further details are available at this time.