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**PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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The Roseville Police Department is seeking the public's help in identifying potential witnesses who were in the area of the fatal crash on Larpenteur Avenue at Woodbridge Court on January 3, 2019 just after 5:30 p.m.

Detectives obtained video surveillance from a nearby business, which showed three vehicles in the immediate area just before and after the fatal crash. The video showed one vehicle immediately in front of the vehicle that struck the pedestrians and two additional vehicles that passed through the area just after the fatal crash. Roseville detectives are hoping to talk with the drivers and/or passengers of the following vehicles:

- 5:34:20 pm: White SUV (1)—Vehicle was initially southbound on Rice Street and turned right onto westbound Larpenteur Avenue. It is believed this vehicle was in the area just before the crash.
- 5:34:31: White/silver sedan (2)—Vehicle was initially northbound on Rice Street and turned left onto westbound Larpenteur Avenue. The vehicle likely drove by the scene immediately after the crash.
- 5:34:38: White/silver sedan (3)—Vehicle was just behind the silver sedan. It was initially northbound on Rice Street and then westbound Larpenteur Avenue. It also likely drove by the crash scene immediately after the incident, just after the silver sedan.

The 72 year-old driver, John Michael Rickey of St. Paul, is observed on video at 5:34:22, turning from southbound Rice Street to westbound Larpenteur Avenue. The vehicle involved in the crash was a dark blue GMC Sierra pick-up truck.

Roseville Police would also like to speak with a pedestrian who had contact at the scene with a St. Paul officer, but left the area before officers were able to identify him or obtain a statement. The male was wearing a green jacket.

The two pedestrians killed in the crash have been identified as:

- Robert Blake Buxton, 47, of Roseville
- Meridith Nypree Aikens, 45, of Roseville

Last night, Detectives executed a search warrant to obtain a blood sample from Mr. Rickey. The sample has been submitted to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for testing and detectives are continuing to investigate to determine if alcohol may have been a factor. Mr. Ricky has continued to cooperate. A second search warrant on the driver's vehicle for other evidence related to the crash, including information stored on the vehicle's Sensing Diagnostic Module (SDM) is pending.

The Minnesota State Patrol's Crash Reconstruction Specialists continue to assist the Roseville Police Department in this investigation.

Anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to call the Roseville Police Department at 651-767-0640. On-line tips may be submitted at: <https://www.cityofroseville.com/3194/Crime-Tips>.

