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### **ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ARRESTS WAUKEGAN MAN FOR ROAD RAGE RELATED INCIDENT**

**WILLOWBROOK** – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 West arrested 25-year-old Nicholas Ortiz of Chicago, IL for Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (Class 1 Felony) stemming from a road rage related expressway shooting.

On August 31, 2024, at approximately 7:23 p.m., ISP was notified of an expressway shooting that occurred on Interstate 55 northbound near Route 83, Kingery Highway, in Willowbrook. The driver of the suspect vehicle, Ortiz, fired a weapon striking the victim vehicle. The victim was uninjured. Ortiz and the victim both exited the interstate and notified the police. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved the above charge against Ortiz. Ortiz is being held pending a detention hearing.

ISP reminds the public that when it comes to aggressive driving, don't lose your temper or your life. *Road Rage. Don't Engage.* If you are the victim of road rage or believe a driver is following or harassing you, call 911 and/or go to the nearest police department to report it. For more information about how to avoid road rage or ISP's "*Road Rage. Don't Engage.*" campaign, visit the ISP website at: <https://isp.illinois.gov/TrafficSafety/RoadRage>.



Nicholas Ortiz (M/25)

*The charges are not evidence against the defendant, and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.*

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