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### **ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ARRESTS CHICAGO MAN FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER AFTER ROAD RAGE INCIDENT**

**NEW LENOX** – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 arrested 45-year-old Phillip E. Rogers of Chicago, IL, for First Degree Murder (Class M Felony) and Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon by Felon (Class 3 Felony) stemming from a road rage related expressway shooting.

On November 25, 2024, at approximately 5:30 p.m., ISP responded to a 9-1-1 call of an expressway shooting that occurred on I-80 westbound entrance to I-355, New Lenox. The preliminary investigation revealed two vehicles were involved in road rage incident and then crashed. After the crash, the victim, 30-year-old Lenier D. Clayton of Joliet, was shot. Clayton was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Rogers was later located and taken into custody.

ISP presented the case to the Will County State's Attorney's Office and the above-mentioned charges were filed. No further information is available.

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>.



Phillip E. Rogers (M/45)

*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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