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Illinois State Police Investigates Fatal Crash in Peoria

Peoria – The Peoria Police Department (PPD) requested the Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 4 to investigate a fatal crash in Peoria.

On August 22, 2026, at approximately 2:45 a.m., PPD officers responded to a shooting in the 1400 block of SW Jefferson Avenue in Peoria. Officers observed the suspect vehicle fleeing the scene and a pursuit ensued. The suspect vehicle was traveling westbound and made contact with another vehicle at the intersection of Howett Street and Western Avenue. The suspect vehicle continued westbound striking a pedestrian and then a utility pole. The pedestrian was pronounced deceased on scene. Two occupants from the suspect vehicle were transported to an area hospital with injuries. A firearm was recovered from the vehicle.

This investigation is open and ongoing. Upon completion of the investigation, the case will be submitted for review to the Peoria County State's Attorney's Office. No additional information is available at this time.

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