



# ILLINOIS STATE POLICE

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### **ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SQUAD CAR STRUCK BY DUI DRIVER ON I-57**

*ISP experiences 21<sup>st</sup> Scott's Law related crash of 2023*

**CHICAGO** – On December 31st, 2023, at approximately 11:12 p.m., Illinois State Police (ISP) officials investigated a three-vehicle traffic crash involving an ISP trooper's squad car that was hit by a motorist who failed to move over on the Interstate 57 northbound entrance ramp from Halsted Street in Cook County.

On the above date and time, an ISP Troop 3 trooper's fully marked squad car was stationary in the right lane of the entrance ramp with its emergency lights activated while conducting a traffic stop. A Hyundai SUV approaching the area, failed to move over, and struck the rear of the ISP squad car. The force of the impact pushed the ISP squad car forward into the rear of the vehicle that had been pulled over by the Trooper. The Trooper and the driver of the Hyundai were both transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the traffic stop vehicle reported no injuries on scene. The driver of the Hyundai, 24-year-old Lizabeth S. Williams of Dolton, IL., was charged with Scott's Law – Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicles, Driving Under the Influence, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident.

In 2023, ISP had 21 Move Over Law-related crashes. In 2022, ISP had 23 Move Over Law-related crashes where eight Troopers sustained injuries. ISP is reminding the public of the requirements of the Move Over Law, otherwise known as "Scott's Law". When approaching an emergency vehicle, or any vehicle with their emergency or hazard lights activated, drivers are required to slow down AND move over. A person who violates Scott's Law, commits a business offense and faces a fine of no less than \$250 or more than \$10,000 for a first offense. If the violation results in injury to another person, the violator's driver's license will be suspended for a mandatory period of anywhere between six months and two years. Additional information can be found at the following link: <https://isp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/340d57cd956c453da2de25af804c268d>



12/31/23 Troop 3 Squad Car

*All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

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