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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ARRESTS CHICAGO MAN FOR AGGRAVATED DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

CHICAGO – The Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 arrested 40-year-old Octavio Lara Chavez of Chicago, IL for Aggravated Driving Under the Influence Involving Death (Class 2 Felony) and Aggravated Driving Under the Influence Involving Great Bodily Harm (Class 4 Felony).

On April 7, 2024, ISP Troop 3 responded to a fatal pedestrian crash on Interstate 55 southbound at Cicero Avenue in Cook County. A Hyundai Sonata was stopped on the right shoulder with three pedestrians outside of the Hyundai attempting to change the passenger side tire. A Dodge pickup truck left the roadway and veered onto the right shoulder striking the Hyundai and two of the pedestrians. One pedestrian was transported to an area hospital with life-threatening injuries and later confirmed deceased. A second pedestrian was transported to an area hospital with serious injuries. The third pedestrian was uninjured. The driver of the Dodge, Octavio Lara Chavez, was transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

On April 9, 2024, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office approved the above charges against Lara Chavez. Lara Chavez is being held pending a detention hearing.



Octavio Lara Chavez (M/40)

The public is reminded that all persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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