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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE MAKES ARREST FOR AGGRAVATED ROBBERY, KIDNAPPING, THEFT AND UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT

CHICAGO – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) Zone 1 East Violent Crimes Unit (VCU) arrested 42-year-old Constantin Birzan of Harvey, IL. Birzan was charged with one count of Aggravated Robbery – Indication of Dangerous Weapon (Class 1 Felony), one count of Robbery – Victim 60 years or older (Class 1 Felony), one count of Kidnapping - Secretly Confine Another Against Their Will (Class 2 Felony), Theft – Unauthorized Control with Intent \$500 - \$10,000 (Class 3 Felony), and one count of Unlawful Restraint (Class 4 Felony).

On June 7, 2023, ISP Troop 3 obtained notification from a 75-year-old female who stated while she was stopped in traffic while driving on the interstate, a man, later identified as Constantin Birzan, entered the front passenger door of her car, demanded money and took her wallet. Birzan then forced the female to drive to a second location where he robbed her of the money she obtained from a financial institution. ISP DCI Agents conducted a thorough investigation and presented the case to the DuPage County States' Attorney's Office for review. On February 23, 2024, an arrest warrant with no limitations was issued for Birzan.

On March 26, 2024, DCI Agents were notified Birzan was arrested in Maryland on the ISP DuPage County warrant. Birzan was extradited by the Cook County Fugitive Apprehension Unit to the Cook County Department of Corrections Maybrook Lockup. Birzan appeared in court and was held in detention at the DuPage County Jail on the above listed charges. No further information is available.



Constantin Birzan (M/42)

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

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