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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE COMBATS CHICAGO AREA EXPRESSWAY VIOLENCE WITH INVESTIGATIVE ARRESTS

Investigations lead to 17 arrests already in 2024 first quarter

CHICAGO – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 special agents made 17 arrests in the first quarter of 2024 alone after detailed investigations into Chicago area expressway violence. Charges in the arrests range from vehicular hijacking to murder.

"While we've already made arrests in Chicago area expressway shootings that happened during the first three months of 2024, we've also made arrests for shootings that occurred in 2023 and 2022, as well as arrests for other violent crimes on Chicago area expressways" said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. "Although time passes, sometimes months and even years, ISP never stops investigating for as long as we have new evidence and leads in the case."

Charges filed during the first quarter of 2024 include two counts for Murder, eight Attempted Murder, four Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, one Aggravated Battery with a Firearm, one Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon (Motor Vehicle), and one Vehicular Hijacking. These charges are the culmination of diligent work by several ISP Divisions and includes special agents, Troop 3 patrol officers, Statewide Anti-Violence Enforcement officers, Crime Scene Investigators, and forensic staff.

January-March 2024 Chicago Area Expressway Shooting Arrests

January 3, 2024 – Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (Class 1 Felony) in connection with a road rage related expressway shooting in December of 2022.

January 8, 2024 – Attempted Murder (Class X Felony) in connection with a road rage expressway shooting in November of 2023.

January 9, 2024 – Attempted Murder (Class X Felony) in connection with a road rage expressway shooting in November of 2023.

January 18, 2024 – Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (Class 1 Felony) in connection with an expressway shooting in August of 2023.

January 26, 2024 – Aggravated Battery with a Firearm (Class X Felony) in connection with a road rage expressway shooting in December of 2023.

February 1, 2024 –Battery with a Deadly Weapon (Motor Vehicle) (Class 3 Felony) in connection with an incident in July 2023.

February 16, 2024 – Vehicular Hijacking (Class 1 Felony) and Failure to Report a Personal Injury Crash (Class 2 Felony) in connection with an incident the day before.

February 24, 2024 –Two counts of First-Degree Murder (Class M Felony) in connection with an expressway shooting in August of 2023.

March 1, 2024 –Discharge of a Firearm (Class 1 Felony) in connection with a road rage expressway shooting earlier that day.

March 5, 2024 – Attempted Murder (Class X Felony) in connection with an expressway shooting in March 2023.

March 7, 2024 – Attempted Murder (Class X Felony) in connection to a road rage expressway shooting two days before.

March 19, 2024 –Aggravated Battery with a Firearm (Class X Felony) in connection with an expressway shooting in April of 2022.

March 19, 2024 – Attempted Murder (Class X Felony) in connection with a road rage expressway shooting in January of 2024.

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March 22 –First-Degree Murder (Class M Felony) in connection with a road rage related expressway shooting in March 2024.

March 28, 2024 – Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (Class 1 Felony) in connection to a road rage expressway shooting in March 2024.

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