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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ARRESTS WOMAN FOR DOUBLE FATAL CRASH ON EISENHOWER EXPRESSWAY

CHICAGO – The Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 announces the arrest of 21-year-old Ashanti Gates of Chicago, IL for two Counts of Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (Class 2 Felony), two Counts of Reckless Homicide (Class 3 Felony), and Child Endangerment (Class A Misdemeanor), stemming from a fatal crash earlier this week.

On June 2, 2024, ISP Troop 3 responded to a fatal crash on Interstate 290 (Eisenhower Expressway) westbound west of Paulina Avenue in Cook County. A white Toyota sedan had pulled on to the right shoulder, with its hazard lights on, due to a flat tire. The three occupants of the Toyota exited their vehicle to change the flat tire. A black Hyundai Sonata driven by Gates struck the parked Toyota and two of the Toyota's occupants that were changing the tire. The two victims, 18-year-old Erik C. Cox of Rolling Meadows, IL and 18-year-old Shaelyn M. Sherwood of Hoffman Estates, IL were declared deceased on scene. The third occupant from the Toyota was not struck. There were a total of five occupants in the Hyundai, including a 4-year-old male. Gates, the child, and one other person from the Hyundai were taken to area hospitals with injuries.

On June 3, 2024, the Cook County State's Attorney approved the above-mentioned charges. Gates is currently being held at the Chicago Police Department- 11th District.



Ashanti Gates (F/21)

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

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