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MEDIA RELEASE

Waukegan Man Charged with DUI, Fleeing, after Crashing into Squad Car

On November 9, 2020, at approximately 8:50PM, a Lake County Sheriff's Detective, driving a Dodge Charger, was stopped at a red light, facing eastbound on Washington Street at Sheridan Road, Waukegan. A Nissan Altima, driven by Alan Ortiz, 28, of the 2600 block of West Florida Avenue, Waukegan, was traveling southbound on Sheridan Road and attempted to make a right turn onto westbound Washington Street. Ortiz made a wide turn and struck the driver's side of the Dodge Charger.

The sheriff's detective activated the emergency lights, but Ortiz put the Nissan in reverse to back away from the crash scene, and then fled. The sheriff's detective pursued the Nissan, in an attempt to pull him over. During the pursuit, Ortiz struck a curb, causing the vehicle to become disabled. Ortiz was arrested by the sheriff's detective in the area of North Avenue and Douglas Street, Waukegan.

It was determined Ortiz was driving under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested and after reviewing the facts of the case, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the following charges:

- Two Counts of Aggravated Fleeing to Elude (Class 4 Felonies)
- Two Counts of Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (Class A Misdemeanors)
- No Insurance
- Leaving the Scene of a Crash
- Other Traffic Violations

Ortiz remains held in the Lake County Jail on \$50,000.00 bail. He is next due in court on November 16, 2020, at 9:00AM in courtroom T110.

All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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