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MEDIA RELEASE

DUI Driver Crashes into Squad Car While Deputy on Scene of Separate DUI Arrest

On December 20, 2020, at approximately 2:00AM a Lake County Sheriff's Deputy had their squad car parked on Sheridan Road, facing southbound, just south of Yorkhouse Road, Beach Park. The sheriff's deputy was parked waiting for a tow truck to tow a Honda, since the driver was arrested for DUI.

There was a passenger in the Honda, who was seated in the back of the parked squad car, as the sheriff's deputy was going to provide the passenger with a ride after the Honda was towed from the scene. The sheriff's deputy noticed a Dodge Durango traveling southbound on Sheridan Road toward him at a high rate of speed. The Dodge was traveling in the outside lane, the same lane the squad was parked.

The sheriff's deputy stepped partially onto the roadway and flashed a flashlight toward the Dodge, as an added attempt the driver's attention, as the squad's emergency lights hadn't. The Dodge continued southbound toward the squad. The deputy was forced to jump off the roadway and the driver of the Dodge, Alaya N. Solomon, 36, of the 1600 block of Sheridan Road, North Chicago, struck the rear of the squad car. This caused the squad car to strike the Honda.

The sheriff's deputy immediately summoned an ambulance to check the passenger who was in the back of the squad and Solomon. Both the passenger and Solomon were uninjured. It was determined Solomon was driving under the influence of alcohol and with a revoked driver's license.

Solomon was arrested and transported to the Lake County Jail. After reviewing the facts of the incident, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the following charges:

Aggravated DUI (Class 4 Felony)
Aggravated Driving While License Revoked (Class 4 Felony)
DUI – Alcohol

Scott's Law Violation
Other Traffic Violations

Solomon had an initial court hearing this morning where a Lake County Judge set her bail at \$100,000.00. She is next due in court on December 22, 2020, at 1:30PM in courtroom T020.

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

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