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MEDIA RELEASE

Canine Duke Finds Over Two Kilograms of Cocaine During Traffic Stop

On June 24, 2022, at approximately 1:15 PM, a Lake County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on Greenwood Avenue at the Amstutz Expressway in Waukegan for a traffic violation. During the traffic stop, Lake County Sheriff's Canine Duke conducted a free-air sniff around the vehicle. Canine Duke indicated there was contraband inside the vehicle.

Sheriff's deputies conducted a search of the vehicle based on Canine Duke's indication. A bag was located on the floor ahead of the front passenger seat containing over two kilograms of cocaine. The front seat passenger of the vehicle, Jorge Villareal-Flores, age 47, of the 100 block of Eastridge Drive in Springtown, Texas, was arrested.

After reviewing the facts and circumstances of the traffic stop, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the following charges against Villareal-Flores:

Manufacturing/Delivery of Cocaine (Class X Felony)
Possession of Cocaine (Class 1 Felony)

Sheriff John Idleburg said, "I am very proud of Canine Duke and his handler, Deputy Arrowood, for their efforts on this traffic stop. Our canine teams, and the entire Sheriff's Office, will continue working tirelessly to seize dangerous drugs and weapons, while arresting those who possess them, to keep our communities safe."

Villareal-Flores is being held in the Lake County Jail on a \$1,000,000.00 bond. He is due in court on July 19, 2022 at 1:30 PM in courtroom T-020.

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