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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ARRESTS CHICAGO WOMAN FOR ROAD-RAGE EXPRESSWAY SHOOTING

CHICAGO – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 arrested 24-year-old Octavia Howleit from Chicago, IL for one count of Aggravated Battery with a Firearm (Class X Felony) and one count of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (Class 1 Felony) related to a road-rage incident and expressway shooting on I-57 in April.

On April 30, 2025, at approximately 2:36 p.m., ISP officers responded to the Mobil Gas Station in the 2700 Block of 147th Street in Posen, IL for the report of a victim who had been shot on I-57 near 127th Street. The victim was struck by gunfire while driving on I-57 and pulled over at the gas station before being transported to an area hospital with serious injuries. After an exhaustive investigation, ISP special agents identified Howleit as a suspect.

On July 21, 2025, ISP special agents took Howleit into custody. ISP special agents presented their case to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the above-mentioned charges were filed against Howleit. Howleit is being held pending her first court appearance. There is no further information.



Octavia Howleit (F/24)

The charges are not evidence against the defendant, and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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