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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ARRESTS TENNESSEE MAN FOR RECKLESS HOMICIDE AFTER WORKER KILLED IN I-74 CONSTRUCTION ZONE

CHAMPAIGN – Illinois State Police (ISP) Troop 7 Troopers arrested 29-year-old Quamaine J. Fletcher of Whiteville, TN for one count of Reckless Homicide (Class 2 Felony) following a fatal construction zone crash on I-74 in Champaign County.

On May 27, 2026, at approximately 3:35 a.m., ISP Troopers responded to I-74 eastbound at milepost 179 near Champaign for the report of a traffic crash involving a construction worker who was struck by a pickup truck pulling a trailer, which was driven by Fletcher. The victim who was struck, 65-year-old Steven A. Cornett of Danville, IL, was pronounced deceased on scene. Fletcher was transported to an area hospital with injuries. Troopers took Fletcher into custody after his release from the hospital.

ISP Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 5 and ISP Traffic Crash Reconstruction Unit assisted with the investigation. There is no further information.

No Booking Photo Available
(Quamaine J. Fletcher M/29)

The charge is 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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