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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ARRESTS DRIVER INVOLVED IN DEATH OF DEKALB COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEPUTY

DEKALB – Illinois State Police (ISP) officers tonight arrested 44-year-old Nathan P. Sweeney of DeKalb, IL, for Reckless Homicide and DUI in connection with the Line of Duty Death of DeKalb County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) Deputy Christina Musil.

On Thursday, March 28, 2024, just after 10:30 p.m., DCSO Deputy Musil was sitting in her parked squad car on the shoulder of Illinois Route 23 south of Perry Road in Waterman when a commercial motor vehicle service truck driven by Sweeney ran off the road and crashed into the back of Deputy Musil's squad car. Deputy Musil was transported to the hospital where she later died as a result of her injuries. ISP officers initially issued Sweeney citations for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, Improper Lane Usage, and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle.

At the request of the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, ISP conducted a traffic crash investigation. During the investigation, officers determined Sweeney was under the influence of drugs at the time of the crash. The DeKalb County State's Attorney's Office is charging Sweeney with three counts Aggravated DUI Causing Death and one count of Reckless Homicide. Sweeney was transported to and detained at the Ogle County Jail.

The public is reminded that all persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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