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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Hoffman Estates man charged in fatal traffic crash**

**Buffalo Grove, IL** — Following a 6-month investigation by the Buffalo Grove Police Department's Traffic Unit with assistance from the Lake County Major Crash Assistance Team, along with consultation from the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Shalmil Naftaliev, 33, from the 3900 block of Whispering Trail in Hoffman Estates, was charged with Class 2 Aggravated DUI for being over the legal limit of cannabis at the time of the April 8 crash on Buffalo Grove Road that resulted in the death a pedestrian, 81-year-old Alex Gorn of Buffalo Grove.

On Saturday, April 8, 2023 at approximately 7:48 p.m., Buffalo Grove Police responded to a crash involving a pedestrian being struck by a vehicle on Buffalo Grove Road, north of Golf View Terrace. Upon arrival, officers found Gorn (the pedestrian), and he was transported by paramedics to Northwest Community Hospital where he was later pronounced deceased. Shalmil Naftaliev, who was the driver of the involved vehicle, a 2022 Chevy Silverado, was on scene and reported no injuries.

On October 4, Naftaliev turned himself in and was brought to first court appearance on October 5. Naftaliev was released and given his next court date of November 3 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cook County Circuit Court in Rolling Meadows.

The public is reminded that individuals charged with any crime are considered innocent until proven guilty.

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