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**NEWS RELEASE**

**Stolen Firearm Recovered During Traffic Stop, Driver and Passenger Face Separate Charges**

**Buffalo Grove, IL** – Two men were arrested during a traffic stop on Saturday, June 1, 2019. The driver, Rafael Rodriguez Jr., 20, of the 1500 block of Sanders Court in Wheeling, was stopped for speeding on Buffalo Grove Road near Bernard Drive in Buffalo Grove. Further investigation resulted in Rodriguez being taken into custody for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (DUI). Eduardo A. Leon, 18, of the 1200 block of Mae Court in Wheeling, was identified as the passenger in the vehicle at the time of this incident.

Subsequent to Rodriguez being taken into custody for DUI, a .22 caliber revolver was recovered from the vehicle. The firearm was found to contain seven spent cartridges in the eight-round chamber. A computer check revealed the gun was stolen out of Detroit, Michigan in 1969.

Leon stated the gun was his. He did not have a valid Firearm Owners Identification Card or a Concealed Carry License at the time of the incident and was arrested by Buffalo Grove Police.

The Cook County State's Attorney's Office approved one count of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon-No FOID/CCL, a class 4 felony, for Leon. His court date is June 28, 2019. Rodriguez has a court date of July 9, 2019. He was released on a recognizance bond after being charged with the following:

Speeding Over Statutory Limit	Petty Offense
DUI/Alcohol 11-501a2	Class A misdemeanor
DUI/Alcohol 11-501a1	Class A misdemeanor

"This is a classic example in that there is no such thing as a routine traffic stop, and additionally, traffic stops often lead to the discovery of serious crimes," said Buffalo Grove Police Chief Steven Casstevens.

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