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East Dundee, IL- September 16, 2022. FATAL TRAFFIC CRASH UPDATE

On September 10, 2022 at 1:32 AM, East Dundee Police officers responded to a single vehicle traffic crash on IL Rt 72, Main Street, between IL Rt 68 and Van Buren St. An East Dundee police officer was on patrol in the area of Immanuel Lutheran Church when he heard a loud crash coming from the area and immediately responded. Upon the officer's arrival, he observed a 2017 Volkswagen Jetta with significant body damage and its engine separated from its compartment.

The officer immediately called for assistance from additional police officers and the East Dundee Fire Protection District to respond for obvious injuries. As officers were checking on the occupant's status, they ascertained that three of four occupants had been ejected from the vehicle upon impact. A fourth occupant was still in the vehicle and had to be extricated by East Dundee Fire Department personnel.

It was determined by medical personnel that two of the four occupants were declared deceased on the scene and two other occupants were transported by Fire Department personnel to area hospitals in critical condition. The deceased occupants are identified as Cesar Escobedo, 21 yoa of Hanover Park and Antony Rueda, 17 yoa also of Hanover Park. The two remaining occupants, Damian Alfaro, 23 yoa of Hanover Park, and a male juvenile, 17 yoa, of Elgin are still hospitalized in critical and serious condition respectfully.

East Dundee Police were assisted by the Kane County Accident Reconstruction Team (K CART) with technical reconstruction of the crash. Preliminary reports indicate that the vehicle left the roadway W/B Main Street, near 417 E. Main and struck several trees. Data analysis indicates unofficially a speed of over 100 MPH prior to first impact. The character of the roadway at that location is a slight downward slope and curve north to south.

The crash is still under investigation. No final determination has been made yet to the identity of which occupant was the driver or other factors that may have led up to the crash. A final report is not expected to be completed for at least another two weeks.