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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

INCIDENT: Update of Fatal Traffic Crash Investigation

DATE: Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023
TIME: Approximately 2:38 A.M.
LOCATION: 1000 block of Oakton St.
VEHICLE: 2017 Black Mercedes SUV
VICTIM: Shalom Peters
Male, 37 years old
Resides in Morton Grove

The Park Ridge Police Department is investigating a one car fatal traffic crash in the 1000 block of Oakton St.

The crash occurred at approximately 2:38 A.M. Preliminary investigation has determined that the vehicle involved, a 2017 black Mercedes SUV, had been traveling eastbound on Oakton St. in the 1000 block, at a high rate of speed when it crossed over into the westbound lanes of traffic and then struck two utility poles located on the north side of the street. The driver, who has been identified as Shalom Peters, was pronounced dead at the scene. There were no other occupants in the vehicle. Due to utility poles being damaged, there were power outages in the area of the crash.

Previous unconfirmed reports in the media of the vehicle being involved in a police pursuit prior to the crash have been determined to be false.

The investigation of the crash is continuing. The Park Ridge Police Department is being assisted by the MCAT Serious Traffic Accident Reconstruction Team.

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