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PRESS RELEASE

NEWS FROM THE ST. CHARLES POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Traffic Crash Involving Fatality Fatal Accident involving a single motor vehicle

REPORT #	24-24809	DATE	November 18, 2024	TIME	3:43 PM
INCIDENT:	Traffic Crash Involving Fatality				
LOCATION:	100 block of S. Kirk Road, St. Charles, IL 60174				
SUMMARY OF INCIDENT:					
<p>On Monday, November 18th, 2024, at approximately 3:43 PM, the St. Charles Police and Fire Departments were dispatched to the 100 block of S. Kirk Road for an accident with injuries. Upon arrival, officers located the involved vehicle, a GMC SUV, on the west side of S. Kirk Road. The vehicle was next to a tree, facing southeast, and it had heavy front-end damage. The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle was unresponsive.</p> <p>The driver was later identified as: 66-year-old Manuel Barraza of Elgin. The St. Charles Fire Department extracted Barraza from the vehicle and attempted life-saving measures. Barraza was subsequently transported to Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital, where he was later pronounced deceased.</p> <p>The initial investigation showed that the vehicle had been driving in a northwest direction and struck the tree head-on. Witnesses reported that they had observed the vehicle traveling northbound on S. Kirk Road, in the southbound lanes of traffic. The vehicle then exited the roadway, struck a sign, and struck a tree.</p> <p>The St. Charles Police Department is encouraging anyone who might have witnessed the accident to contact the St. Charles Police Department at (630-377-4435).</p>					

All Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Releasing Authority:	Deputy Chief Erik Mahan
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About the St. Charles Police Department

The St. Charles Police Department provides law enforcement, investigations, traffic and special events, social services, crime prevention, and community outreach services to the St. Charles, Illinois, community. One of the first agencies in Illinois to be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, the Department has retained accreditation since 1989. The St. Charles Police Department actively supports Special Olympics Illinois and embraces community-oriented service to the 33,000 residents and nearly 2,000 businesses in St. Charles. The City of St. Charles is conveniently located 35 miles west of Chicago, in Kane and northwestern DuPage counties. The City is guided by the four driving principles in its Mission: Heritage. Community. Service. Opportunity. Together, these principles create a thriving environment for people who live or visit here, and for businesses to prosper. More at www.stcharlesil.gov, and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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