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State's Attorney Concludes Investigation Into 2024 Officer-Involved Death of Marcos Salazar

St. Charles, Ill. - On Tuesday, December 31, Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser concluded her review of an investigation into the vehicular pursuit of 36-year-old Marcos Salazar by a Kane County Sheriff's Deputy that resulted in Mr. Salazar's death. The investigation found no wrongdoing on the part of the Sheriff's Deputy and the review of the matter is now considered closed.

On March 5, 2024, at 10:24 p.m., Marcos Salazar was traveling at a high rate of speed as he passed by a Kane County Sheriff's Deputy who was stationed on the side of Route 64. The Deputy tried to pursue the vehicle with his squad car emergency lights activated, while Mr. Salazar continued at high rates of speed. Mr. Salazar eventually crashed into a tree and his car was engulfed in flames. The Deputy notified dispatch of the crash and attempted to put out the vehicle fire, seeing no signs of life inside. The Fire Department eventually arrived and were able to put the fire out. An autopsy was performed by the Kane County Coroner's Office who ascribed the death to multiple injuries due to automobile mishap. A toxicology report did not produce any findings of significance.

Members of the Kane County Major Crimes Task Force and the Kane County Accident Reconstruction Team were called to investigate the matter. The results of the investigation were presented to State's Attorney Mosser, pursuant to the Police and Community Relations Improvement Act, who carefully reviewed the applicable law and thoroughly examined all of the evidence. Her office has concluded that the Deputy followed Kane County Sheriff's Office policies and Illinois law during the incident. There is no evidence that the Deputy committed any unlawful acts, and no criminal charges will be filed against him.

SA Mosser said: "Thank you to the members of the Kane County Major Crimes Task Force and the Kane County Accident Reconstruction Team for their diligent and thorough investigation into this incident. I also want to thank the Kane County Coroner's Office and the Kane County Sheriff's Office for providing critical support and transparency throughout this process. Every case of an officer-involved death must be carefully and thoroughly investigated. This scrutiny maintains the public's confidence in law enforcement and ensures the protection of the civil rights of those involved. After a comprehensive and thorough review of the investigation into this tragic incident, it is clear that the Sheriff's Deputy acted in accordance with both Kane County Sheriff's Office policies and Illinois law. The evidence demonstrates that his actions were appropriate and justified in the circumstances. This matter is now considered closed, and no criminal charges will be filed."

To request the full final report, please contact our FOIA officer at saofia@KaneCountyIL.gov

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