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### ELGIN MAN CHARGED WITH DUI AFTER CRASHING INTO POLE

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Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon has charged 21-year-old **Samuel Cortez** with the offenses of:

- Aggravated DUI, Class 4 felony, 2 counts
- DUI, Class A misdemeanor
- Fleeing or eluding, Class A misdemeanor
- Driving on a revoked license, Class A misdemeanor

Kane County prosecutors allege that at about 10:30 p.m. March 25, 2020, Elgin officers responded to a call for a suspicious vehicle in the 500 block of Airlite Street. The vehicle left the scene as the officer approached. The officer spotted the vehicle a short time later in the area of West Chicago Street and Leonard Avenue. The vehicle again fled, heading south on South Jackson Street. The officer next saw the vehicle after it had collided with a pole in the 300 block of Locust Street. The officer noted signs of intoxication on Cortez, who was driving the car, and saw a cup that contained a liquid that smelled of alcohol, along with an opened liquor bottle on the floor in the back passenger compartment. The investigation revealed that Cortez's driver's license was revoked.

Cortez appeared March 26, 2020, in Kane County bond court. Kane County Associate Judge Julio Cesar Valdez set Cortez's bail at \$5,000, and released him on his promise to appear in court.

Judge Valdez set Cortez's next court appearance for 9 a.m. May 15, 2020, in Courtroom 217 at the Kane County Judicial Center.

The charges against Cortez are not proof of guilt. Cortez is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

**Samuel Cortez:** Age 21 (d.o.b. 12-23-1998), of the 300 block of DuPage Street, Elgin, Illinois. Case No. 20CF620.