

Office of the Kane County State's Attorney



JAMIE L. MOSSER

State's Attorney

Kane County Judicial Center
37W777 Route 38 Suite 300
St. Charles, Illinois 60175

General Offices: (630) 232-3500
Contact:
Christopher Nelson (630) 232-3500

AURORA MAN SKIPS DUI CRASH SENTENCING HEARING, STILL GETS 6 YEARS IN PRISON

June 29, 2021

Kane County Circuit Judge David P. Kliment has sentenced 32-year-old **Jesus Diaz-Garcia** to 6 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections, despite Diaz Garcia's failure to appear at the sentencing hearing.

A Kane County jury on May 20, 2021, found Diaz-Garcia guilty of the offense of aggravated DUI – great bodily harm, Class 4 felony.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys David Belshan and Katy Flannagan presented evidence that at about 10:30 p.m. April 22, 2017, Diaz-Garcia was driving north on Illinois Route 31 in the vicinity of North McLean Boulevard. Diaz-Garcia's vehicle crossed the center line and struck the victim's oncoming car, which was in the southbound lane of Route 31. The victim, who was the driver of the oncoming car, suffered permanent paralysis as a result of the crash. The investigation determined that Diaz-Garcia was under the influence of alcohol at the time.

After his arrest, Diaz-Garcia posted \$5,000 bond and was released. He was present in court for his trial, but did not appear for his sentencing hearing. After the hearing, Judge Kliment issued a warrant for Diaz-Garcia's arrest. Anyone with information about him should call 911.

In accordance with Illinois law, Diaz-Garcia must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence.

ASA Belshan said:

"This defendant made the choice to drive after drinking an excessive amount of alcohol, caused someone to be paralyzed as a result, yet refuses to account for his criminal conduct. He has followed one poor decision with additional poor decisions. Mr. Diaz-Garcia needs to grow up and accept responsibility for his horrific choices. My thanks to South Elgin police and the Kane County Accident Reconstruction Team for their work in this investigation."

Jesus Diaz-Garcia: Age 32 (d.o.b. 3-14-1989), of the 1000 block of Peterson Avenue, Aurora, Illinois. Case No. 17CF815.