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### **ELGIN MAN SENT TO PRISON FOR 2017 FATAL DUI CRASH**

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A Kane County Judge on March 4, 2021, sentenced 23-year-old **Joshua A. Hernandez** to 5½ years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Hernandez on Sept. 10, 2020, pleaded guilty to the offenses of:

- Aggravated DUI causing death, Class 2 felony
- Aggravated DUI causing great bodily harm, Class 4 felony

Kane County First Assistant State's Attorney Christine Bayer stated in court that early May 13, 2017, Hernandez was driving a 1993 Honda south on North State Street in Elgin. 25-year-old Stephanie Gordon was a front seat passenger in the car. In the vicinity of Wing Street the Honda crossed the center line into the path of an oncoming 1999 Mercury. The Mercury struck the passenger side of the Honda, killing Gordon and severely injuring the driver of the Mercury, as well as Hernandez. A front-seat passenger in the Mercury was not injured. The investigation revealed that there was a case of beer in Hernandez's vehicle, that Hernandez's blood-alcohol concentration was .118 percent and that Hernandez was traveling at least 61 MPH in a posted 30 MPH zone.

In accordance with Illinois law, Hernandez must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. He receives credit for 0 days served in the Kane County jail.

#### **Kane County First ASA Bayer said:**

"This crash occurred nearly four years ago, and I want to thank Stephanie Gordon's family for their patience and graciousness as this case was pending, particularly in light of Mr. Hernandez's lack of remorse and failure to apologize for his criminal behavior. My thanks to Officers Larry Jenco and Ron Spejcher, and everyone from the Elgin Police Department who assisted in this investigation."

**Joshua A. Hernandez:** Age 23 (d.o.b. 5-29-1997), of the 900 block of Hillcrest Road, Elgin, Illinois. Case No. 17CF2012.