

Office of the Kane County State's Attorney JAMIE L. MOSSER STATE'S ATTORNEY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 8, 2024

AURORA MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR LEADING DANGEROUS HIGH-SPEED CHASE AND INTENTIONALLY DRIVING HEAD-ON AT DEPUTIES

RE: **Pedro A. Vilchis**: Age 24 (d.o.b. 5/18/2000), of the 300 block of W New York Street, Aurora, Illinois. Case No. 2022 CF 1459.

St. Charles, Ill. - Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that Judge Kliment has sentenced **Pedro A. Vilchis** to a total of 9 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Vilchis was given a 9-year sentence on the attempt murder count, of which he must serve at least 85 percent, in accordance with Illinois law. Vilchis was given a 2-year sentence on the remaining counts, to run concurrently with the attempt murder count. He received credit for 713 days served in the Kane County jail.

On June 3, 2024, after a bench trial, Judge Kliment found Pedro A. Vilchis guilty of the offenses:

- Attempt murder, Class X felony
- Criminal damage to government supported property, Class 3 felony (2 counts)
- Criminal damage to property, Class 4 felony (2 counts)
- Aggravated assault, Class 4 felony (3 counts)
- Aggravated fleeing/eluding a peace officer, Class 4 felony (5 counts)

Assistant State's Attorneys Katy Flannagan and Brandon Raney presented the following facts in court: On August 12, 2022, deputies of the Kane County Sheriff's Department attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a silver Mazda for speeding and driving recklessly. When deputies attempted to effectuate that traffic stop, the defendant fled at high rates of speed, at times in excess of 100 mph. At three separate points during the police chase the defendant exited his lane

of travel and went into oncoming traffic at speeds of 80 to 100 mph. Each of the three times he did that he directed his vehicle at police officers. In one of those instances the defendant drove his car directly head on at a Kane County Sheriff's deputy refusing to swerve to avoid that deputy, who was driving a marked squad vehicle with his emergency lights activated. In order to avoid a head on collision, the deputy had to drive off the roadway. The defendant continued to flee until his vehicle was ultimately disabled and he was taken into custody.

ASA Flannagan said: "My thanks to the multiple law enforcement agencies that had to become involved in this pursuit for their outstanding work in keeping the public safe from Mr. Vilchis and his incredibly dangerous conduct. What would have been a traffic stop for speeding turned into a pursuit that lasted more than 15 minutes, involved more than 20 police officers and changed the lives of everyone involved. I am thankful that no innocent civilians were injured and that all of the officers involved were able to go home to their loved ones unharmed."

Kane County Sheriff Ron Hain said: "The Kane County Sheriff's Office would like to express sincere gratitude not only to the Kane County State's Attorney's Office but also to all the multiple law enforcement agencies involved in this investigation and pursuit. Every day, these dedicated agencies risk their lives to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities and the public. The irresponsible actions of Mr. Vilchis during the pursuit endangered innocent lives, highlighting the importance of our collective commitment to keeping families safe and fostering thriving communities. This incident underscores the ongoing, crucial nature of our efforts in maintaining public safety."

* * *