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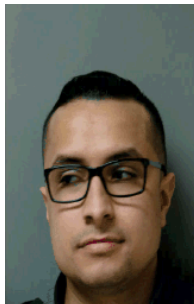
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## **ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ARREST INTOXICATED MOTORIST**

CHICAGO – On 03/07/16, at approximately 2:05am, Illinois State Police (ISP) Troopers were working at an active crash investigation scene on the ramp from Canalport and Emerald St to I-94 S/B. The driver of a black Chevrolet Malibu drove down the closed ramp nearly striking a vehicle. The driver of the Malibu then activated red and blue emergency lights and backed up the ramp, turned onto S/B Emerald St and left the area.

An ISP Trooper was able to locate and stop the Chevrolet Malibu on W/B 22<sup>nd</sup> St just east of Laflin. The driver of the Malibu was identified as Jose R. Maldonado, male age 31, of Midlothian. Maldonado was subsequently charged with driving under the influence, failing to yield to a stationary authorized emergency vehicle, aggravated speeding, improper lane usage, failure to signal when changing lanes, disobeying a traffic control device, improper passing on the left, improper backing, and carrying a concealed firearm while under the influence of alcohol. Maldonado's firearm was taken from him at the scene and secured at the ISP District Chicago Headquarters.

Maldonado posted his valid IL driver's license, issued a \$1,000 individual bond and released on his own recognizance. This case has been forwarded to the Cook County State's Attorney's for prosecutorial review. No further information is being released.



Jose R. Maldonado

***All persons are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.***

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