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## **FATAL TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATION**

On Saturday, August 9th, 2025, at approximately 12:38 p.m., Stephenson County Sheriff's deputies responded to a head-on collision on Illinois Route 26 North near Oneco Road in rural Orangeville that claimed the lives of both drivers.

Preliminary investigation indicates that a Nissan Altima, driven by Rolando Ico-Choc (age 30), a Guatemalan national who had been living in Freeport, was traveling southbound on Illinois Route 26 North when it entered the northbound lane and collided head-on with a Ford Edge driven by Darcy Connolly-Brunner (age 61) of Freeport. Both drivers were pronounced deceased at the scene. There were no other occupants in either vehicle.

As part of the investigation, deputies are examining whether alcohol impairment by Mr. Ico-Choc may have been a contributing factor in the crash. There is no indication that Ms. Connolly-Brunner was impaired. Toxicology testing will be conducted as part of the autopsy process, and results may take several weeks to be returned.

The crash remains under investigation by the Illinois State Police Traffic Crash Reconstruction Unit. Autopsies are scheduled for August 12, 2025.

The Stephenson County Sheriff's Office wishes to thank the Orangeville Fire Department, Winslow Fire Department, Cedarville Fire Protection District, Leamon's Ambulance Service, the Stephenson County Coroner's Office, and the Illinois State Police Traffic Crash Reconstruction Unit for their assistance.

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