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PRISON SENTENCE FOR FATAL DUI CRASH

Kendall County State's Attorney Eric Weis announced that Oscar Cano of Oswego, Illinois was sentenced to 8 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections on one count of Aggravated Driving Under the Influence Involving Death and a concurrent 5 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections on one count of Aggravated Driving Under the Influence Great Bodily Harm. Cano must serve 85% of the 8-year sentence as truth-in-sentencing applies to these crimes.

On November 21, 2021, Cano attended a Bears game with his friend, Everette Foster. After the game, Cano drove his Ford F-150 from the game and ended up westbound on Millhurst Rd approaching Millington Rd. Cano blew through the stop sign at Millhurst Rd. without slowing down and slammed into another vehicle traveling northbound Millington Rd. Robert Gray, age 38, was driving a Chevrolet Silverado when he was struck by Cano's vehicle. Both vehicles overturned into a field after the collision. Robert Gray was pronounced dead at the scene due to injuries sustained in the crash.

Cano and Foster were ejected from the vehicle after the initial collision. Paramedics arrived quickly on scene and administered aid to Cano and Foster. Foster suffered severe injuries including almost losing an eye. Foster endured a multitude of surgeries and continues in his recovery to this day. Cano was also injured in the crash. Cano was later interviewed at the hospital by Kendall County Sheriff's Office Deputies where he admitted to alcohol and cocaine use, admitted to driving the vehicle, and admitted that he was coming from the Bears game with Foster. Cano's blood alcohol was a .176 when analyzed at the hospital. This result was over two times the legal limit of .08. Illinois State Police also responded to the crash and conducted two accident reconstruction reports which were vital during the trial.

Cano was found guilty after a bench trial back in March of this year. Cano has remained in custody since the trial was concluded. After hearing the evidence and victim impact statements from Gray's family and Foster's family, Judge Jody Gleason imposed the 8-year prison sentence after the contested sentencing hearing.

Weis praised the hard work and dedication of the Kendall County Sheriff's Office and Illinois State Police for their investigation and pursuit of justice for the Gray's and Foster's. Weis also commended Assistant Frank Gorup and Assistant Ryan Phelps, who were responsible for guilty convictions and lengthy prison sentence. Weis expressed his condolences to the Gray Family, "The complexity of this case, with the amount of DNA evidence and expert testimony, caused lengthy delays in the pursuit of justice for the Gray and Foster families. I hope that after these long four years, they can find some closure. We wish Everette Foster the best in the future with his continued recovery and extend our deepest condolences to the Gray family for their loss."

Cano was represented by Attorney Richard Kane and Attorney Eric Telander.