



AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

AURORA POLICE TRACK DOWN AND ARREST DRAG RACER AFTER RECKLESS DRIVING ON CITY STREETS

[AURORA, Ill. – April 14, 2020]: Aurora Police have arrested and charged a man after receiving numerous reports of extremely dangerous drag racing around the city Friday evening.

Just after 10:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10th, Aurora Police officers were responding to the area of Lake Street and Sullivan Road for a report of approximately 50 "Fast and Furious" type cars in the parking lot of the Speedway gas station getting ready to race.

As officers approached the area, they observed a group of cars traveling on Sullivan Road from Lake Street. The officer followed the cars when he noticed that multiple vehicles had crashed into each other at the intersection of Sullivan Road and Route 25.

While officers were on the scene of the accident, an officer noticed a black Jeep Cherokee SUV make a rapid U-turn, squeal its tires, and take off at an extremely high rate of speed, despite several officers in marked squad cars and on foot in the area. The vehicle was completely blacked out with tinted windows and had a loud, obnoxious, and distinct sounding muffler. During the U-turn, an officer was able to observe the driver through the windshield, and the rolled down driver's window and recognized him as 20-year-old Diego Deloera, of the 400 block of North Farnsworth in Aurora.

Another officer activated their emergency lights to initiate a traffic stop on the vehicle. The Jeep increased its speed and drove in the on-coming traffic lines on Route 31. The officer estimated the Jeep was traveling at more than 80 miles an hour in a 35 miles per hour zone. Officers stopped pursuing the vehicle and after a short time went to Deloera's home where they found the vehicle parked outside. He was arrested and taken into custody without incident.

The incident was reviewed with Kane County State's Attorney's Office, who authorized the following charges against Deloera and the seizure of the Jeep Grand Cherokee:

One Class 4 Felony count of Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding

One Class A Misdemeanor count of Reckless Driving

One Citation for Loud Muffler

Charges are not proof of guilt. The defendant listed in this release is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial, at which it is the burden of the State to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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Diego Deloera
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Picture of Suspect Vehicle
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