



# **MOUNT PROSPECT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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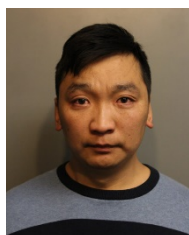
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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Driver Charged With Reckless Homicide In Fatal Traffic Crash Involving Landscaping Employee**



**Munkhbat Munkh Erdene**

On Tuesday, October 29, 2019 the Mount Prospect Police Department announced the arrest of Munkhbat Munkh Erdene, 30 years old, of 5201 Carriageway Drive, Rolling Meadows, for reckless homicide and aggravated driving under the influence. These charges stem from the traffic crash that took place on Sunday, October 27, 2019 on Golf Road near Robert Drive where Munkh Erdene was the driver of a minivan that struck and killed Roberto Orozco, a landscaping employee and injured another landscaping employee. The Cook County State's Attorney's Office approved charges of one felony count of Reckless Homicide and two felony counts of Aggravated Driving Under the Influence.

On Sunday, October 27, 2019 at approximately 11:13 AM, Mount Prospect Police Officers responded to the report of a traffic crash on Golf Road (Route 58) near Robert Drive involving a vehicle and a pedestrian. Officers located a Toyota minivan that had struck a landscaping employee, who was contracted by the Illinois Department of Transportation to do work along Golf Road. The Toyota minivan also struck an electronic arrow sign board, which subsequently was knocked over and struck another landscaping employee. The driver of the Toyota minivan was identified as Munkhbat Munkh Erdene. This crash was investigated by the Mount Prospect Police Department's Major Crash Investigation Team, along with the assistance from the Major Case Assistance Team's Serious Traffic Accident Reconstruction (STAR) Team.

The investigation revealed that Munkh Erdene, an off duty Lyft driver, was operating his Toyota minivan eastbound on Golf Road approaching Robert Drive, while under the

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influence of alcohol. Munkh Erdene failed to reduce his speed or change lanes to avoid a crash, striking Roberto Orozco, who was a contractor for the Illinois Department of Transportation performing his contracted duties in the curb lane of eastbound Golf Road.

Munkh Erdene was arrested and charged with one felony count of Reckless Homicide and two felony counts of Aggravated Driving Under the Influence. Munkh Erdene was transported to the Cook County 3<sup>rd</sup> District Courthouse in Rolling Meadows for a bond hearing, where the Honorable Judge Mandeltort issued bond at \$75,000.00 "D". Munkh Erdene's next court date is set for November 21, 2019 in room 108 of the Cook County 3<sup>rd</sup> District Courthouse in Rolling Meadows at 10:30 AM. As a condition of bond, Judge Mandeltort ordered Munkh Erdene's passport be turned over to the Mount Prospect Police Department.

The public is reminded that criminal charges are not evidence of guilt and that all defendants in a criminal case are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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