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## Driver caught doing 123 MPH on Route 59

Plainfield IL – Plainfield Police Officer Michael Friddle was conducting routine patrol during the early hours of Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, when Officer Friddle came across something quite out of the routine.

At 2:35 am, Officer Friddle utilized his in car radar system to lock in a Honda Accord's speed at 123 Miles Per Hour (MPH) on Route 59, as it traveled southbound on Route 59 in between 119<sup>th</sup> Street and 127<sup>th</sup> Street. The posted speed limit on this stretch of Route 59 is 45 MPH. This equated to traveling 78 MPH over the posted speed limit.

The driver, Abdelhalim Khoga, 24, who resides in Lisle, was charged with Aggravated Speeding, a Class A Misdemeanor, and for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. If found guilty, Khoga will not be eligible for court supervision, may be sentenced up to one year in jail and fined up to \$2,500.00, along with the possibility of having his driving privileges suspended by the Illinois Secretary of State.

This extremely excessive speed poses a great risk to other motorists on the roadway. At 123 MPH, the offending vehicle traveled at 180 feet per second, whereas a vehicle obeying the posted speed limit of 45 MPH would be traveling at approximately 66 feet per second. At 123 MPH, a vehicle would go the entire distance of a football field in only 1.66 seconds.

This arrest comes only nine days after a 17 year old juvenile, also driving a Honda Accord, was arrested for traveling at 108 MPH on Route 59, just north of 135<sup>th</sup> Street. The Plainfield Police Department aggressively enforce traffic laws along the Route 59 corridor, and anyone arrested for Aggravated Speeding will be prosecuted and fined to the fullest extent of the law.

Please slow down; speed kills.

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