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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Man Arrested for DUI after Traffic Crash in Unincorporated Woodstock January 30, 2012**

Sheriff Keith Nygren announced today that on January 29, 2012 at 2:19 A.M. members of the McHenry County Sheriff's Office responded to the 3800 block of Alden Road in unincorporated Woodstock for two vehicles that had been involved in a traffic crash.

Sheriff's deputies arrived on scene and observed that two vehicles had collided into each other head on. Evidence at the scene revealed that a 1998 Dodge Neon was traveling southbound and a 1998 Chevrolet Cavalier was traveling northbound on Alden Road. The Dodge crossed the centerline and traveled into the northbound lane of traffic striking the Chevrolet head on. Both vehicles suffered significant front end damage and both drivers were wearing seatbelts. After the crash, the driver of the Dodge, Joseph Nootens exited his vehicle and it subsequently caught fire. The Woodstock Fire Protection District extinguished the fire.

Both the driver of the Chevrolet Cavalier, Debbie Ruiz, and Joseph Nootens were transported to Centegra Memorial Hospital in Woodstock for treatment. Nootens was issued three citations:

- Driving in the wrong lane
- Too fast for conditions/ Failure to Reduce Speed
- Driving Under the Influence

#### **1998 Dodge Neon**

Joseph F. Nootens (M/W 33)  
603 Waters Edge Drive Apt. C  
McHenry, IL  
(1998 Dodge Neon)

#### **1998 Chevrolet Cavalier**

Debbie Ruiz (F/W 21)  
Harvard, IL

Sheriff Keith Nygren

The Sheriff's Office advises the media that the charges against the individuals are merely allegations against them. All defendants are innocent until proven guilty in the court of law.