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8-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR AGGRAVATED FLEEING OR ATTEMPTING TO ELUDE A PEACE OFFICER

Kendall County State's Attorney Eric Weis announced that Jody Skowronski (date of birth 09/05/1977, 5021 W Roscoe Street) of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced to 8 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections on December 29th by the Honorable Robert Pilmer after a contested sentencing hearing for the offenses of Aggravated Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Peace Officer, a Class 3 Felony, and Driving While License Revoked, a Class 4 Felony. He pleaded guilty to these charges in October 2020.

The charges stem from August of 2019 when a Plano Police Officer was on patrol and observed Skowronski commit a traffic violation. When the officer attempted to pull Skowronski over, he accelerated away from the officer, driving at a high rate of speed in a 30 mile-per-hour residential zone and through stop signs seven times without stopping, all while multiple cars were on the roadway. Skowronski then drove his car through a bean field, got out of his car, and ran away on foot. Officers of the Plano Police Department spoke with the passenger of his vehicle, the owner of the bean field, and obtained surveillance video of Skowronski earlier in the day and determined that Skowronski was the driver of the vehicle. Skowronski's license was suspended and revoked for seven different reasons, including two DUI-related suspensions and three revocations for aggravated fleeing or attempting to elude a peace officer. Skowronski had just been released from prison on parole mere hours before he fled from the Plano Officer. He is a 17-time convicted felon.

Under Illinois law, Skowronski is required to serve 50 percent of his 8-year prison sentence in the Illinois Department of Corrections before he will be required to serve one year of mandatory supervised release. Weis commends the Plano Police Department for their work in this matter. According to Weis, "This defendant has shown ultimate disrespect for the law and the safety of the citizens of Kendall County. Thanks to the hard work of the members of the Plano Police Department in keeping dangerous drivers like Skowronski off of the streets of Kendall County."

State's Attorney Eric C. Weis and Assistant State's Attorney Meghan Jirasek prosecuted the case. Attorney Alison Motta represented Skowronski.