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Springfield man who crashed into Uber vehicle at 107 mph
in fatal 2023 crash sentenced to 7 years

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that the Springfield man, Andrew Irizarry-Sierra, who was driving more than 100 mph when he rear-ended an Uber driver's RAV4, killing the Uber passenger in the back seat, was sentenced to seven years in prison on Friday, September 13, 2024.

Irizarry-Sierra, 39, pleaded guilty to the class C felony of first-degree involuntary manslaughter and the class D felony of second-degree assault in June. Greene County Circuit Judge Kaiti Greenwade sentenced Irizarry-Sierra to seven years on both counts to be served concurrently. Irizarry-Sierra was driving 107 mph and never hit his brakes when his vehicle struck the RAV4, which was stopped at a red light at National and Sunshine around 10:50 p.m. on Oct. 14, 2023. The Uber passenger, Domingues Buenrostro, 26, of Springfield, was in the back seat. He was taken to the hospital and pronounced dead. Irizarry-Sierra was driving a Ford Taurus east on Sunshine Street at speeds of up to 110 mph and narrowly avoided two other crashes before striking the Uber driver's vehicle. The investigation did not reveal any evidence of drug or alcohol use by the defendant.

Prosecutor Dan Patterson said, "This was an excessive speed case which tragically illustrates the danger of speeding poses to each of us in our community." Patterson wrote.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Zachary McFarland. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Dustin Sweet was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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