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### Man Charged in Fatal Hit & Run Traffic Crash



**Offender:** Rafael A. Paz-Hernandez, 20  
2300 Block of S. Avers  
Chicago, Illinois

**Charges:** One Felony Count of Failure to Report Accident / Death  
One Felony Count of Failure to Report Accident / Injury

**Court:** Central Bond Court, 2600 S. California Ave. – August 23, 2017

**Narrative:** Paz-Hernandez was arrested after being identified as the offender in a fatal traffic crash which occurred on the 2700 block of S. Komensky at approximately 6:55 p.m. on August 20, 2017. Hernandez was driving a Blue Dodge Dakota northbound through an alley and struck a Chevy Trail Blazer travelling westbound on 28<sup>th</sup> Street. A 30-year-old male passenger in the Chevy sustained fatal injuries as a result of the collision. A 28-year-old male passenger in the Chevy was also seriously injured. After the collision, the offender failed to render aid to the victims and fled the scene on foot. The offender was placed in custody on August 21, 2017 at approximately 3:30 p.m. at the 12<sup>th</sup> (Near West) District Police Station and charged accordingly. No further details are available at this time.

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