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## WEEKEND STABBING RESULTS IN ARREST

December 18, 2024 – Kankakee, IL – On Saturday, December 14, 2024, at approximately 10:17 PM, Kankakee County Sheriff's deputies responded to the area of 2200 S 14490E Road in rural Pembroke Township regarding a reported stabbing at a party. Deputies were advised that a 21-year-old male had been stabbed in the neck.

Upon arrival, deputies located the victim and began rendering aid. During their assessment, they discovered a second stab wound on the victim's side. Paramedics arrived shortly after and transported the individual to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.



Through the investigation, which included several witnesses and follow-up interviews, Sheriff's investigators identified and apprehended 52-year-old Juan Carlos Valdez-Pizarro of Pembroke

Township on Tuesday, December 17, 2024. Valdez-Pizarro is currently being held at the Jerome Combs Detention Center, pending a bond hearing before a Kankakee County judge.

Sheriff Mike Downey praised the swift work of the investigative team, stating: "I commend everyone involved for their efforts in bringing this individual to justice so quickly. The dedication and hard work demonstrated by our detectives in such a short timeframe is remarkable. I also want to thank those who cooperated with law enforcement during the investigation. Their assistance was critical in identifying this dangerous individual and ensuring he is no longer a threat to our community."

*All Persons are to be Considered Innocent Until Proven Guilty in a Court of Law*