

# Cary Police Department

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## Media Release

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Incident: Traffic Crash/DUI  
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Case Numbers: CA-20-000831

On Friday February 7, 2020 at approximately 10:26 p.m. officers from the Cary Police Department were dispatched to a driving complaint in the area of the Jewel (696 W. Northwest Highway). The complainant called 911 and advised a male customer appeared to be intoxicated and was leaving the parking lot in a blue pick-up truck. The pick-up truck was reportedly driving eastbound through the Cary Square Shopping Center parking lot.

A short time later the Cary Police Department received additional calls indicating a blue pick-up truck drove off a retaining wall near Feinberg Dr. Upon arrival officers learned the blue pick-up truck drove east across Feinberg Dr. from the Cary Square Shopping Center parking lot, over a curb and sidewalk, through a fence, and off a 12-foot (approximately) retaining wall. The pick-up truck came to rest on the driver side of the vehicle in the Galati's Hideaway parking lot located at 800 Feinberg Ct.

The driver and lone occupant of the vehicle, 44-year old Keith Whippie of Cary, was transported to a Good Shepherd Hospital with minor injuries. Whippie was treated and released from the hospital.

Whippie was charged with the following:

DUI – Alcohol	Class A Misdemeanor
Driving with a B.A.C. >.08	Class A Misdemeanor
Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident	Petty Offense