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Osage Beach Police Officer Involved in Traffic Crash with Wrong Way Driver

Osage Beach, Mo. – In the early hours of March 1, 2025, an Osage Beach Police officer was involved in a traffic crash with an allegedly intoxicated driver going the wrong way on Highway 54.

Officer Stephen Wright was traveling west on Highway 54 in the outside lane when a Nissan Altima, driven by Steven Paul Deluca of Spring Hill, Florida, entered the highway from the on-ramp in the 5000 blk. of Osage Beach Parkway.

Once on Highway 54, Deluca attempted a U-turn, heading east in the westbound lanes. Officer Wright tried to avoid a collision, but Deluca struck the right side of his patrol vehicle. Deluca then fled the scene by driving back up the ramp in the wrong direction.

Officer Wright was not injured. Deluca was later arrested by deputies with the Camden County Sheriff's Office. Deluca is facing multiple charges, including Driving While Intoxicated. The Missouri State Highway Patrol is investigating the crash.

All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Charges filed are merely accusations, and defendants are entitled to a fair trial.