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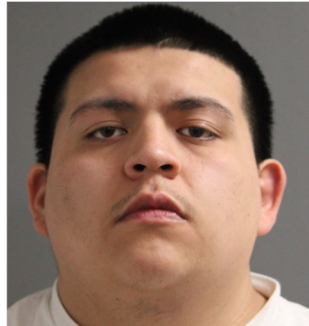
Chicago Police Department

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Offender Charged with September 2025 Murder of 59-Year-old Male



Offender: Jose Cruz, 23
2200 block of W. 21st Street.
Chicago, Illinois

Charge: One (1) Felony Count – Murder - First Degree
One (1) Felony Count – Murder - Strong Probability Death/Injury

Court: Detention Hearing – 2600 S. California – April 11, 2026

Narrative: The above offender was arrested by members of the Chicago Police Department and U.S. Marshals Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force on April 9, 2026, at 10:07 a.m., in the 2200 block of W. 21st Street. He was identified as the offender who, on September 20, 2025, at approximately 3:13 p.m., was driving in the 2300 block of W. 21st PI (12th District) when he struck a 59-year-old male. The victim later succumbed to his injuries. The offender was placed into custody and subsequently charged accordingly. No additional information is available at this time.

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