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FROM: LaSalle County Coroner's Office

In the early morning hours of July 4, 2024, the LaSalle County Coroner's Office was called to N. 23rd Rd. and E. 1st Rd. near Cedar Point, Illinois, for a single vehicle (car), rollover accident involving two occupants who were both ejected from the vehicle. A female occupant was transferred from the scene to a hospital for treatment. The other male occupant was pronounced dead at the scene at 03:20 a.m. He has been identified as 19-year-old, Joel J. Rangel, of Granville, Illinois. A forensic investigative autopsy was conducted with preliminary results indicating he died of fatal injuries sustained from the motor vehicle accident.

This incident is under further investigation by the LaSalle County Coroner's Office and Illinois State Police Accident Reconstruction Unit.

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