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NEWS RELEASE

December 19, 2016

VPD Report Number: 16-54191

Date/Time Occurred: December 19, 2016 at 12:23 AM

Type of Incident: Rollover Traffic Accident/ DUI Arrest **Location:** Giddings/Murray

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Maria Lopes

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Yes

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Details: On 12/19/16 at 12:23 AM, officers were dispatched to rollover traffic accident in the area of Giddings and Murray. Upon arrival officers discovered that the driver, Maria Lopes, had failed to negotiate a bend in the road on Murray east of Giddings. The vehicle then went off the road, proceeded to rollover several times and came to a rest after colliding with a street signal for the intersection of Murray and Giddings. The railroad tracks that parallel Murray at that location were also damaged as a result of the accident. Maria Lopes, was found to be driving the vehicle under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and subsequently arrested. She was later booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility. Rail service in the area will be temporarily suspended pending repairs. No injuries were reported.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Officer Stephens/Officer Saelee

Supervisor: Sgt. Ford

