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DATE 11/27/2019

NEWS RELEASE

OFFICER'S UNIT INTENTIONALLY HIT BY A DRUNK DRIVER WHILE EVADING

Date: 11/21/2019

Time: 23:12 PM

Location: I-10 West Mile Post 30 El Paso, Texas

Vehicle #1: 2017 Mitsubishi Mirage

Driver #1: 21-year old, Brianna Marie Lara from the 11200 block of Wharf Cove, El Paso, TX 79936

Vehicle #2: Marked Police Unit 2019 Ford Taurus

EL PASO, TEXAS: On November 21st 2019, officers from the Pebble Hills Regional Command Center were called to assist Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) officers with a traffic stop. Officers were informed that Brianna Marie Lara fled from TABC officers after striking an unmarked TABC vehicle at the 1700 block of Zaragoza. El Paso Police officers located the fleeing vehicle southbound at the intersection of Zaragoza and Rojas and initiated a traffic stop. Lara disregarded the officers and continued to drive through red lights at several intersections on Zaragoza, and at times hitting the raised center median. Lara proceeded onto I-10 West where she intentionally veered into and struck the Police unit. Lara's vehicle came to a stop after striking the center concrete barrier. She was placed under arrest and transported to a local hospital for observation.

On the 25th of November, Lara was released from the hospital and booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility. She was charged with two counts of Aggravated Assault Against a Public Servant, Evading Arrest With a Vehicle and Driving While Intoxicated. Lara was also booked on two outstanding traffic warrants.

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