



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF INCIDENT: DUI Collision

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Longfellow Ave/Lindo Channel

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 12/16/16 @2359 hours

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 16-9332

VICTIM: None

SUSPECT: David LOPEZ

NARRATIVE:

On December 26, 2016 at approximately 1159 hours, Chico Police received a report of a vehicle collision that occurred on Longfellow Ave at Lindo Channel. The reporting party advised the vehicle was submerged in the channel. Several Chico Police Officers responded to the scene and located the vehicle upside down in the channel. Officers entered the channel and located a sole occupant, later identified as David LOPEZ in the driver's seat of the vehicle and were able to safely take LOPEZ out of the vehicle. LOPEZ was seen by medical personnel and transported to Enloe Hospital.

After the investigation, LOPEZ was arrested for DUI.

We would like to remind citizens of the dangers of drinking and driving. LOPEZ was fortunate that responding officers were able to quickly remove him from the vehicle because of the dangers presented by the water's temperature and current.

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