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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: 11/10/19

Chico, CA –

On 11/10/19, at about 1734 hours, Chico Police Dispatch received multiple calls reporting a vehicle collision near Cohasset Rd/Esplanade. The callers reported a vehicle had just struck a pedestrian. Officers arrived on scene and located a 64-year-old male suffering from major, but non-life threatening injuries. The male was transported to a local hospital for treatment. There were two vehicles involved in the collision and both drivers stopped immediately after the collision and were contacted at the scene.

At the collision, the preliminary investigation suggested that the pedestrian was crossing Esplanade, outside the crosswalk. The driver of one vehicle drove northbound and didn't see the pedestrian, and collided with an item the pedestrian was in possession of. The driver of the second vehicle drove northbound and did not see the pedestrian until it was too late.

In addition to the collision investigation, a DUI investigation was conducted on one of the drivers, who was identified as Karen BUMGARNER. BUMGARNER was found to be under the influence of alcohol at the time of the collision and placed under arrest for Felony DUI causing injury.

The northbound lanes of Esplanade starting at Cohasset Rd to Rio Lindo Ave were shut-down for approximately 2.5 hours while patrol officers conducted the investigation.

We would like to remind citizens of the dangers associated with drinking and driving especially during the holiday season that is fast approaching.

Location: 2200 block of Esplanade, Chico, CA

Pedestrian: Withheld

Suspect: Karen BUMGARNER (63 years old)

Supervisor: M. Escobedo 97

Commander: M. Williams C9



Karen BUMGARNER