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RONALD N. STRAND, Chief of Police

Press Release

DATE and TIME OF INCIDENT: July 22, 2008 @01:26 AM.

TYPE OF INCIDENT: DUI accident and 148 PC-resisting arrest

VICTIM: Immanuel Ministry, 1201 N China Lake Blvd. and State of California

SUSPECT: Jennifer WELFL, 26 yoa-Ridgecrest resident

LOCATION OCCURRED: 1200 Blk. N China Lake Blvd

On the listed date and time, Officers were dispatched to the report of a “rollover” traffic accident in the 1200 blk. of N China Lake Blvd.

Upon arrival they found the vehicle, a 2001 Saturn, in the parking area of Pizza Hut restaurant. The driver, identified as WELFL was sitting near the accident and had apparent injuries. As an Officer approached her to provide medical aid, WELFL stood up and ran, ranting and raving. She was chased a short distance by Officers and was captured without additional injury, but remained uncooperative. During this contact Officers observed symptoms of alcohol intoxication and the odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from the suspect.

Liberty Ambulance and Kern County Fire arrived on scene and provided medical attention and WELFL was transported to RRH.

It was determined on scene that WELFL had been traveling at a high rate of speed and lost control of her car due to her intoxicated state. She skidded across all five lanes of N China Lake blvd, striking the curb, then slamming into a tree, severing it in half. The vehicle rolled and spun out of control and WELFL was ejected. The vehicle came to rest approximately 250’ from the initial impact point.

WELFL was later transported to Kern Medical Center for further treatment. She will be charged with 23152CVC-DUI and 148PC-Resisting arrest.

Ronald N. Strand- Chief of Police
PREPARED BY: Sergeant Robert OBergfell
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