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Internal Affairs Notification

Upper Marlboro, MD... The Prince George's County Office of the Sheriff Internal Affairs/Policy Compliance Division (IAD) announced today that it has served Deputy First Class Maria E. Mejia-Paz with criminal citations related to an impaired driving incident that occurred on July 20, 2019 at approximately 11:45 p.m. at the intersection of Crain Highway (Rt.301) and Annapolis Road (RT. 450).

IAD secured the following criminal charges against Mejia-Paz: Driving while impaired by alcohol; Failure to control speed to avoid collision; Failure to stop at steady red traffic signal; Reckless driving; and Negligent driving.

Hours after the incident, on the morning of July 21st, Mejia-Paz was placed on emergency suspension and her law enforcement powers suspended. The Sheriff's Office began a criminal investigation that resulted in the charges. The Sheriff's Office Administrative investigation will be suspended until the criminal case against Mejia-Paz is concluded. We are unable to respond to questions related to an open and pending investigation.

For additional information, please contact the Communications and Public Affairs Division at 301-780-8639.

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