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PRESS RELEASE
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After a full and competent review of the evidence provided to date involving the allegation of Driving Under the Influence by Carmen Mendez, *our office is hereby filing a one count complaint charging Ms. Mendez with Driving Under the Influence in violation of RCW 46.61.502(5) and 46.501.5055.* We have received the additional reports necessary to determine whether a felony or misdemeanor would be charged. Based upon that information, the appropriate charge under the set of facts known to us currently is the gross misdemeanor charge of DUI.

Ms. Mendez will be summoned to Yakima County District Court for arraignment within approximately three weeks or so which is standard procedure once a District Court judge finds probable cause for the allegation charged.

The maximum punishment for this gross misdemeanor is 364 days imprisonment and/or a \$5,000.00 fine.

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