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Reference: New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD) Officer Arrested for Aggravated DWI.

Date of Release: January 5, 2013

Subject(s): Correctional Officer Eli Martinez, 24 Years of Age.

Details:

On February 15, 2013, at approximately 2:34 AM, Officer Eli Martinez was involved in a minor collision with a vehicle at a convenience store located at the intersection of Jefferson and Paseo Del Norte in Albuquerque, New Mexico. An officer with the New Mexico State Police was alerted to the incident and responded to investigate. The State Police Officer made contact with Correctional Officer Martinez. Pursuant to the investigation conducted by the State Police Officer, Martinez was arrested and charged with Aggravated DWI.

Officer Martinez was driving his personal vehicle at the time of the incident. There were no injuries or damage reported as a result of the collision. Martinez was incarcerated at the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center on one count of Aggravated DWI.

Officer Martinez has been with the NMCD for approximately five months. He is assigned to the Central New Mexico Correctional Facility. The incident has been referred to the Office of Professional Standards for an administrative investigation. Please refer any specific questions about the arrest to the New Mexico State Police Department.

Follow-up inquiries should be directed to **Deputy Director of Adult Prisons Anthony Romero**. **Deputy Director Romero** may be contacted telephonically at **(505) 660-8292** and or email at **anthonyromero1@state.nm.us**. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

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