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DUI TRAFFIC COLLISION – ROAD CLOSURE

On May 18, 2025, at approximately 5:30 AM, the Citrus Heights Police Department responded to a head-on collision involving two vehicles at the intersection of Old Auburn Road and Bonita Way. Upon their arrival, officers determined that one of the involved drivers, 35-year-old Doris Meretz of Sacramento, was suspected of operating her vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

Meretz sustained serious injuries and was transported by medical personnel to a local hospital for treatment. She is expected to face felony DUI charges as a result of this incident. Fortunately, her two children, who were passengers in her vehicle at the time of the collision, were uninjured and have since been placed into protective custody with child protective services to ensure their safety.

Medical personnel at the scene evaluated the driver of the other vehicle, who was found to be uninjured.

Old Auburn Road between Bonita Way and Wickham Dr. was closed down for approximately four hours while our Traffic Unit conducted their investigation.

The Citrus Heights Police Department urges drivers to plan ahead and utilize a rideshare service rather than drinking and driving, as this can significantly reduce the risk of tragic accidents and save lives.

Any witnesses to the collision are encouraged to call the Citrus Heights Police Department at (916) 727-5500.