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## PRESS RELEASE

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On April 17th, 2022, The Pocahontas County Sheriff's Office received a call of an unknown male that was at a residence in Laurens, IA asking for help to get his vehicle out of the ditch. The male was then located walking on N28. Upon investigation, John Lopez-Canahui, age 19 of Storm Lake was placed under arrest and charged with Operating While Intoxicated 1st offense - serious misdemeanor. Lopez-Canahui was also charged with Failure to Maintain Control and Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability - both simple misdemeanors. Lopez-Canahui was transported to the Pocahontas County Jail to await his initial appearance before a magistrate.

A criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in the court of law.