

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | July 4, 2019

## **McKenzie County Injury Crash**

**What:** Injury

**Where:** Intersection of Hwy 23 & Hwy 85 Business, Watford City

**When:** July 4, 2019 – 5:57 AM

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** Overcast

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle / Vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Rear-end

**Agencies Involved:** Watford City Police Department, NDHP, McKenzie County Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2016 Ford F250

**Driver No. 1:** Keno Gomez, male, 25, Bakersfield, CA, not injured

**Restraints:** Seatbelt

**Charges:** Criminal Vehicular Injury (DUI)

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2014 Toyota Tacoma

**Driver No. 2:** Male, 35, Kenner, LA, serious injuries

**Restraints:** Seatbelt

**Charges:** None

**Passenger No. 1:** Male, 38, Metairie, LA, minor injuries

**Restraints:** Seatbelt

**NARRATIVE:** The Toyota was stopped at a red traffic light on eastbound Hwy 23 at the intersection of Hwy 85 Business, on the south side of Watford City. The Ford, driven by Keno Gomez, was traveling eastbound on Hwy 23 behind the Toyota. Gomez failed to stop for the red traffic light and his vehicle struck the rear of the Toyota. Both vehicles were heavily damaged. Gomez was not injured. The driver of the Toyota sustained serious injuries and the passenger sustained minor injuries.

Gomez was arrested for Criminal Vehicular Injury (DUI).

This crash remains under investigation by the NHDP.

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