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News Release

To: Local Media Outlets
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Re: Illegal Immigrant Arrested for DUI and Possession of Fraudulent Driver's License

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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At approximately **12:00 a.m. on November 4, 2025**, Officer Gomez conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling the wrong way on a one-way street. The driver was identified as **Santos Tonche Ortiz (H/M, 11/01/1975)**. Ortiz did not speak English, and **Box Butte County Deputy Valdez** assisted officers by providing translation.

During the investigation, Ortiz displayed signs of impairment and was placed under arrest for **Driving Under the Influence (DUI)**. Ortiz submitted to a **breath alcohol test**, which registered **.087, above the legal limit for DUI in the State of Nebraska.**

Further investigation revealed Ortiz was in possession of a **fraudulent Mexican driver's license** and did **not hold a valid operator's license**. Ortiz admitted the license was fraudulent and stated he had **paid 2,000 pesos in Mexico** to obtain it. He also acknowledged that he had **entered the country illegally.**

Dispatch submitted an **Immigration Alien Query (IAQ)** with **Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)** for verification.

Ortiz was transported to the Box Butte County Jail and charged with the following offenses:

1. Driving Under the Influence (DUI)
2. Identity Fraud
3. No Operator's License
4. Driving the Wrong Way on a One-Way

The suspect is being held on a \$10,000.00 bond. After review, ICE determined that the suspect does not meet their criteria for immediate deportation and will be allowed to make bond.

Chief David Leavitt stated, *“Impaired driving remains one of the most serious threats to public safety. It’s frustrating when individuals not only choose to drive under the influence but also attempt to deceive law enforcement through fraudulent identification and unlawful entry into our country. Our officers will continue to uphold the law and protect the safety of everyone in our community.”*