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## MEDIA RELEASE

By Captain Randy Ralston  
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### Release #1:

On May 18, 2017 at 1:58 a.m. Officers of the Garden City Police Department were dispatched to the 2500 Blk. of North Third St. for a reported rollover injury accident.

When Officers arrived on the scene, they located a tan 2001 Chevy Tahoe on its top in the middle of the roadway. The driver of the crashed vehicle, Edgar Patino, of Garden City was located sitting on the curb with minor injuries. Patino refused medical treatment.

The investigation revealed Patino was traveling north on Third St. when he was allegedly distracted by use of his cell phone and veered off the road striking a utility pole. After striking the pole, he swerved and struck landscaping in the 600 Blk. of Wheatridge which caused the vehicle to flip over onto its roof.

The Garden City Electric Department responded and estimated damage to the utility pole at \$10,000. Damage to the landscaping was estimated at \$500. The vehicle had extensive damage and had to be towed from the scene.

Traffic was diverted from the scene for approximately 2 hours.

Patino was cited and released for driving while license suspended and use of a telecommunication device.

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\*The person (s) involved have not yet been convicted of a crime. Their guilt or innocence must be proven in a court of law and accordance with the Kansas Statutes. As such, these suspects are innocent until proven otherwise\*.