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PRESS RELEASE

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On Sunday, December 16, at 4:05 a.m., a Sioux County Sheriff's Deputy on patrol discovered an occupied motor vehicle in the east ditch of Highway 75, three miles southwest of Hull, IA.

Upon further investigation, the deputy discovered that Claudio Marquez-Ortiz, age 28, of Sioux Center, IA was driving a 2004 Nissan Armada northbound on Highway 75 when he reported that a silver or green southbound pickup, unknown make or model, entered the northbound lane, sideswiped Maquez-Ortiz, and continued driving southbound. The pickup was not located.

No injuries were reported.

The Nissan sustained approximately \$4,000 in damage.

Upon further investigation, the deputy suspected that Maquez-Ortiz was under the influence of alcohol and determined that his driver's license was not valid; there was also a Sioux County arrest warrant for Marquez-Ortiz for failing to appear in Court on other charges.

Marquez was arrested for the warrant and was charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license and no motor vehicle insurance.

The accident remains under investigation. If you have any information about the accident or the pickup that struck the Nissan, you are asked to contact the Sheriff's Office.

