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CHARGES FILED IN WEEKEND DUI INCIDENT

District Attorney Tim Ward has announced criminal charges against Carlos Ortiz, 27, for a DUI incident which occurred in Porterville on the afternoon of August 25, 2018. Two victims, one of whom was pregnant, were injured in the crash.

Ortiz is charged with felony driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage causing injury, felony driving with a .08% BAC causing injury, misdemeanor driving when privilege suspended for prior DUI conviction, and misdemeanor unlawful vehicle operation. Special allegations also charged include prior DUI, causing great bodily injury to multiple victims, and excess blood alcohol.

Ortiz will be arraigned this afternoon at the county pre-trial facility. A future court date will be set at that time. Ortiz faces a maximum of 13 years in prison if convicted.

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