Merced Police Department
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February 20, 2019 **MPD Case # 2019-10533** **Sgt. Dan Dabney**
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For Immediate Release

Felony hit and run investigation

Date/Time: 02/20/2019 11:30
Location: Buena Vista and San Bruno Ct. Merced
Crime: Hit and Run/Street Racing

Merced Police Officers were dispatched to Buena Vista and San Bruno Ct. for a major vehicle collision with a vehicle into a tree. A grey 1998 Honda Civic driven by Ethan Samuel Leon, 2-29-00, was traveling at a very high rate of speed, eastbound Buena Vista when Leon lost control of the car and crashed into the tree. Arredondo, 3-28-00, was the passenger in the vehicle. Both parties sustained moderate injuries and were treated at local hospitals. During the investigations, officers located evidence of Leon racing another car when the collision occurred. Leon was booked at Merced County Jail for felony DUI. The other involved vehicle fled the scene.

Merced Police are asking citizens who may have witnessed or captured this street race on their video surveillance to please call Sgt. Dabney at 209 388-7719 or 209 385-6905.

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