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Central Falls Police Department continues to cracks down on impaired drivers:

CENTRAL FALLS – On November 26, 2015 at 12:05am – Thanksgiving morning – Maria Pena (51) of Central Falls was arrested and charged with DUI and refusal to submit to a chemical test as well as several moving violations.

She was pulled over by members of a Central Falls and Lincoln Police joint patrol as part of a statewide DUI taskforce after she was seen swerving in and out of the lane of travel numerous times and almost struck an oncoming vehicle as well as a utility pole. While she was driving, her 8 year old daughter was unrestrained and moving about in the back seat. Pena failed field sobriety tests and submitted to a preliminary breath test.

Secondary officers were able to transport a concerned family member to the scene to take custody of the 8 year old girl and the vehicle. That relative expressed great appreciation for the officers' decision to wait to arrest Pena until after her daughter was gone, and for the proactive work to address a dangerous problem.

Pena later refused to submit to a breathalyzer and was released with summonses to appear before the Sixth District Court and the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal for the aforementioned offenses.

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