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UPDATE: DUI Driver Causes Crash and Power Outage

Just before 11 p.m., VPD officers were called to the area of Murray Avenue between Willis Street and Jacob Street for a report of a traffic accident. When officers arrived, they were told 27-year-old Javier Diaz was driving westbound on Murray Avenue at Johnson Street when he rear ended another vehicle.

The collision caused both vehicles to crash into a home and hit a power line causing a major power outage.

Thankfully, no one was hurt inside the home.

Both drivers and their passengers were transported to a local hospital for their injuries.

Diaz was found to be under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested and booked for felony DUI.

Please AVOID the area if possible. SoCal Edison is still on scene working to restore power. We will update you with more information as it becomes available.

