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### **For Immediate Release:**

On May 30, 2014, at 8:30 p.m. Gibson County Central Dispatch received a call of an accident with injuries at State Road 64 and County Road 1050 East. The caller advised central dispatch that a vehicle that was traveling eastbound on State Road 64 had crossed the center of the roadway and struck another vehicle headed westbound. The caller advised that the driver of the eastbound vehicle had gotten out of their vehicle and got a small child out of the back and began to walk toward Oakland City.

When officers arrived in the area Misti I. Bell age 39 of Oakland City was located walking near the State Road 64/ State Road 57 Junction with her small child. Officers transported her back to the accident scene so the accident investigation could be completed. Upon speaking with the driver Deputy U.B. Smith detected a strong smell of an alcoholic beverage coming from Ms. Bell. Deputy Smith attempted to administer standard field sobriety tests to Ms. Bell, but she was unable to complete them. Also during the investigation Deputy Smith found Marijuana, and two schedule three prescription drugs that she did not have a prescription for. At the close of the investigation Ms. Bell was transported to the Gibson County Jail. She remains in custody on a \$3,350 bond.

Ms. Bell is being charged with:

Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated (Felony)

Neglect of a Dependent (Felony)

Possession of Marijuana (Misdemeanor)

Possession of a Schedule III drug (Diazepam) without a prescription (Misdemeanor)

Possession of a Schedule III drug (Alprazolam) without a prescription. (Misdemeanor)

Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Accident (Misdemeanor)

Assisting Deputy Smith in his investigation was Sgt. Bryan Ellis, Deputy Daniel Greer, Oakland City Officer Lloyd Jones, and the Gibson County Division of Family Services.