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PRESS RELEASE

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On Thursday, February 24, 2022, at approximately 0914 hours, Northlake Police Officers were dispatched to a motor vehicle incident near the 72-mile marker on IH35W southbound. While on scene, on the shoulder of the roadway, a commercial motor vehicle, hauling a full load of frozen meat products, lost control of the vehicle he was driving and collided with both police units as well as a third vehicle, a Ford Explorer with a female driver. The commercial motor vehicle overturned on top of one police vehicle and the officer was trapped inside of his patrol vehicle and had to be extricated.

The second police vehicle was struck and traveled approximately 50 yards from the initial impact. Both Officers were transported to Baylor Scott & White Medical Center in Grapevine by ground ambulance.

Officer Matthew Koeper, 38, was treated for minor injuries and released from the hospital after observation.

Officer Thomas D. Martinez, 47, was admitted into ICU for observation, but was in stable condition at the time of this report.

The driver of the Ford Explorer was a 29-year-old female from Ft. Worth. She was checked by medics on scene and refused transport to the hospital and released from the scene.

The driver of the commercial motor vehicle was identified as Jose Alejandro Landa Juarez, the truck was owned by EBT Logistics Inc. out Laredo, Texas.

The Texas Department of Public Safety worked the accident scene in conjunction with the Regional Crash Team – consisting of Argyle, Bartonville, Keller, Northlake, Roanoke, Southlake, and Watauga. The investigation is still ongoing regarding the cause of the accident.

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