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### For Immediate Release

**Date:** December 11, 2017

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**Contact:** Shift Supervisor

On December 11, 2017 at about 5:45 pm, Officer Lambert was on Robinson Road finishing a car stop when he noticed a vehicle, later identified as a 2016 Ford Focus, drive by him in the opposite direction at an apparent high rate of speed. The cruiser radar system tracked the Focus in excess of the posted 30 MPH posted speed limit. Officer Lambert changed direction and attempted to catch up to the speeding car and conduct a traffic stop. However, the driver of the Focus failed to yield to the cruiser blue lights and siren, and increased his speed. The Focus then exited Lawrence Road and made a right turn to travel west onto Central Street (Route #111). The driver of the Focus continued to increase his speed and drove in a reckless manner while approaching the intersection with Park Ave. Officer Lambert lost sight of the Focus as it proceeded into and past the intersection with Park Ave. Shortly thereafter, Officer Lambert came upon a car accident on Central Street at the intersection with Clement Road. One of the vehicles involved was the Focus, which rear ended a 2016 Chevy Malibu. The Malibu was traveling west on Central Street and stopped in traffic to make a left turn onto Clement Road.

The driver of the Malibu was identified as Ali Murphy, 32, of Derry. Murphy was not injured in the crash.

The driver of the Focus was not injured, and was taken into custody at the scene. He is identified as Zackary Balcom, 18, of Hudson, NH. Balcom is charged with Disobeying an Officer, Reckless Conduct, Reckless Driving, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Balcom was released on \$10,000.00 Personal Recognizance bail and he is scheduled to be arraigned at the 9th Circuit Court in Nashua on January 11, 2018.

The NH State Police responded to the scene and conducted the motor vehicle accident investigation. Portions of Central Street near Clement Road were closed during the investigation.

