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Narcotics Arrest

On March 13, 2019, narcotics detectives and police officers from the Westminster Police Department were working a plainclothes detail when they conducted a traffic stop on a Chrysler 300 in the unit block of South Ralph Street after observing the driver talking on his cell phone while driving. The driver was identified as **Damian Garcia Lopez** (Age 36). During the traffic stop, a police K9 drug scan was conducted on the vehicle, which resulted in a positive alert. Officers subsequently located and recovered multiple plastic baggies of suspected powder cocaine along with a sum of U.S. currency. Lopez was placed under arrest and transported to the Carroll County Central Booking and charged with the following:

CDS: Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine

CDS: Possession of Cocaine

CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia

Traffic Article: 21-1124.2 [d2] Driving Using Hand Held Device

Traffic Article: 21-1101[a] Leaving Unattended Vehicle W/O Stopping Engine

Lopez was released on an unsecured bond of \$5,000.

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