Synopsis:

On Thursday, December 20, 2018, at about 06:47 AM, Deputies from the Lemon Grove Sheriff's Station responded to a vehicle collision with unknown injuries, located at 1750 Madera Street, in the city of Lemon Grove.

A green colored Kia utility vehicle was traveling on Madera Street toward Massachusetts Avenue, at approximately 45-50mph in a 30 mph zone. The driver lost control of his vehicle and the vehicle struck a power pole. The force of impact sheared the base of the pole from the ground. The pole was left hanging by several wires with several cables and electrical wires broken. The broken wires resulted in a loss of power to the adjacent intersection and the San Altos Elementary School.

Deputies arrived on scene and provided traffic control at Madera Street and Massachusetts Ave. The driver of the SUV and his passenger were contacted after attempting to walk away from the collision scene. Neither occupant was injured. The driver was identified as Roderick Alridge. He was evaluated at the scene and determined to have been driving while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. He was later transported to San Diego Central Jail.

As a result of the collision, there was a power outage affecting the traffic lights at the intersection of Madera Street and Massachusetts Avenue and the San Altos Elementary School. The elementary school planned to attempt a minimum day as the power outage was expected to last into the afternoon.