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NEWS RELEASE

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VPD Report Number: 13-11139

Date/Time Occurred: 9/8/13 approx. 0403 Hrs

Type of Incident: Felony Hit & Run Vehicle Collision

Location: 1001 S. Ben Maddox

Name of Business (if applicable):

Giant Chevrolet

Cal Water

City of Visalia

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Andrae Lavon Freeman

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Yes

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Details: On above listed date and time Visalia Police and Fire respond to a vehicle collision at 1001 S. Ben Maddox. Upon arrival, officers located a 1992 Nissan Maxima that had collided into a light pole, tree, fire hydrant and four new pick up trucks on the dealership property. All occupants, including the driver had left the scene prior to officers arrival. The collision caused the Maxima and four pick up trucks to catch fire and as a result all vehicles incurred significant damage.

A short time later, the police department received information that the passengers in the vehicle had sustained injuries and were being treated at Kaweah Delta Hospital. Officers contacted the passengers and found that they had injuries consisting of minor lacerations and abrasions, they were treated and released. During the initial investigation, patrol officers developed information and were able to identify the driver as Andrae Freeman, however were unable to locate him.

9/11/13 at approximately 1030 hours, officers from the Visalia Police Department Traffic unit responded to the City of Tulare and located (S) Freeman. He was arrested for felony hit and run and booked at Tulare County main jail.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/Traffic Unit

Supervisor: Sergeant C. McLain

