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NEWS RELEASE

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VPD Report Number: Date/Time Occurred:

15-04934 04/14/15 0313 hrs.

Type of Incident: Location:

Fatal traffic collision S/B McAuliff at St. Johns

Involved Parties:

Jose De Jesus Sanchez, 65 yrs. old from Visalia

Michael Coffman, 22 yrs. old from Visalia

Details:

On the listed date and time, the Visalia Police Department responded to McAuliff at St. Johns Parkway for a report of a traffic collision. The investigation showed a 1999 Hyundai sedan being driven by I/P Sanchez, was traveling S/B McAuliff on the bridge at St. Johns parkway when it was struck from behind by a 1999 Honda Accord being driven by I/P Coffman and an adult passenger.

I/P Sanchez sustained fatal injuries as a result of the collision and was pronounced deceased at the scene. I/P Coffman sustained superficial lacerations to his face and the passenger complained of pain to his back. The investigation into the cause of this collision is continuing by the Traffic Unit. It is unknown if drugs or alcohol were a factor.

Investigating Officers: Supervisor:

VPD Traffic Unit Sgt. J. Andrews

