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NEWS RELEASE

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VPD Report Number: Date/Time Occurred:

15-05136 04/18/15 1637 hrs.

Type of Incident: Location:

Fatal traffic collision S/B Plaza Drive at the W/B Hwy. 198 On-Ramp

Involved Parties:

Harold Dunkin, 71 yrs. old from Tulare

Rafael Altamirano, 28 yrs. old from Tulare

Details:

On the listed date and time, the Visalia Police Department responded to Plaza Drive at the Westbound Highway 198 onramp for a report of a traffic collision. The investigation showed a 2005 Harley Davidson motorcycle being ridden by I/P Altamirano, was traveling S/B Plaza Drive approaching the stoplight at the westbound onramp to Highway 198 when it lost control and went down on its side. Altamirano was partially ejected from the motorcycle when he was struck from behind by a 2004 Kawasaki Vulcan being ridden by I/P Dunkin.

I/P Altamirano sustained fatal injuries as a result of the collision and was pronounced deceased at the scene. I/P Dunkin was not injured during this incident. The investigation into the cause of this collision is continuing. It is unknown if drugs or alcohol were a factor.

Investigating Officers: Supervisor:

VPD Traffic Unit Sgt. J. Andrews

