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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

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VPD Report Number: 16- 09012

Date/Time Occurred: 6/30/16 0204 hours

Type of Incident: Homicide

Location: NW 3rd / Pearl St.

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

1. Unknown

Age:

Arrested:

No

Details: On the listed date and time, Visalia Police Department officers responded to the area of NW 3rd and Pearl for a report of a man down in the roadway. At this location, officers located an adult male in the roadway on a bicycle. He was found with gunshot wounds and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Detectives from the Violent Crimes Unit have responded and are continuing the investigation. The identity of the victim is unknown. No arrests have been made. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Visalia Police Department at (559) 734-8117 or CrimeStoppers (559) 498-STOP.

****UPDATE****

The victim in this case has been identified as Willie Champion, 48 years old, of Visalia. This case remains under investigation. No arrests have been made.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: VPD Patrol / Violent Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. D. Maurice

