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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
August 3, 2016

VPD Report Number: Date/Time Occurred:

16-13497 08/02/16 @ 2108 hrs.

Type of Incident: Location:

Major Injury Traffic collision Walnut Ave. West of Ben Maddox

Involved Parties:

Joey Ruiz, 41 years old from Visalia
Elizabeth Smith, 28 years old from Visalia
Female Juvenile, 17 years old from Visalia

Details:

On the listed date and time, the Visalia Police Department responded to Walnut Ave just west of Ben Maddox Street for a report of a traffic collision. The investigation showed a 2001 Ford F150 being driven by I/P Elizabeth Smith, was traveling E/B on Walnut just East of Ben Maddox when it struck I/P Joey Ruiz, who was pushing a disabled vehicle out of the roadway. Ruiz was then struck by a 2005 Honda Accord, being driven by a 17 year old female juvenile.

I/P Ruiz was transported to KDMC for significant head trauma and internal injuries where he remains in critical condition. No other parties were injured. The investigation into the cause of this collision is continuing and being handled by the Visalia Police Traffic Unit.

Investigating Officers: Supervisor:

VPD Traffic Unit Sgt. J. Andrews

