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

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VPD Report Number: 16-53657

Date/Time Occurred: 12/17/2016 at 0015 hours

Type of Incident: HOMICIDE***UPDATE***

Location: 3200 BLOCK – W CAMPUS

Name of Business (if applicable):

TRISTIAN MARTINEZ - 20

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. JULIAN GONZALEZ

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YES

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Details: On 12-17-2016 at 0015 hours, Patrol Officers respond to the 3200 block of W. Campus for a report of a fight in progress with shots fired. Arriving Officers encountered approximately 30 subjects in the street and locate Martinez down on the ground in front of an apartment. Martinez had several visible gunshot wounds, and Officers administered first aid prior to the arrival of EMS. Martinez was transported by ambulance to KDMC where he unfortunately died do to his injuries. Visalia PD is asking anyone with information to contact Det. James Cummings at 559-713-4722 or Crime Stoppers at 559-498-STOP.

*****UPDATE*****

01/06/2017

During the course of the investigation Visalia PD Violent Crimes Detectives were able to identify the SUSPECT Julian Gonzalez (21yo – Goshen) as the shooter in this case. Gonzalez was taken into custody on a traffic stop coordinated by Visalia PD Detectives and Detectives from the Tulare Area Regional Gang Enforcement Team (TARGET). Further investigation was conducted with the assistance of the Tulare County Sheriff's Office, and with the cooperative effort of the Tulare County District Attorney's Office, Gonzalez was charged with homicide and special firearm and gang enhancements.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Visalia PD Violent Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. Mark Feller

