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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
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VPD Report Number: Date/Time Occurred:
17-15289 02/25/17 @ 0234 hrs.

Type of Incident: Location:
Fatal Traffic collision Linwood South of Modoc

Involved Parties:

Hayden Vargas, 22 years old from Visalia
Cort Turner, 23 years old from Visalia

Details:

On the listed date and time, the Visalia Police Department responded to Linwood South of Modoc for a report of a traffic collision. The investigation showed a 2013 Scion sedan driven by I/P Vargas, was traveling Northbound on Linwood just South of Modoc when it lost control and struck a large tree located on the East side of Linwood. I/P Vargas, the driver of the Scion, sustained major trauma and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Turner, the passenger of the Scion, was transported to Kaweah Delta Medical Center for significant head trauma where he remains in critical condition. The investigation into the cause of this collision is being handled by the Visalia Police Traffic Unit.

UPDATE:

On 03/04/17, after being transferred to Community Regional Medical Center in Fresno, the passenger Cort Turner succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. The investigation is ongoing by the Visalia Police Department Traffic Unit.

Investigating Officers: Supervisor:
VPD Traffic Unit Sgt. J. Andrews

