



**VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***

**February 21, 2017**

**VPD Report Number:** 17-12740

**Date/Time Occurred:** 2/15/17 at 2309 hours

**Type of Incident:** Vehicle Collision-Fatal

**Location:** Houston Ave. w/of Cain St.

**Name of Business (if applicable):**

NA

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. N/A

2.

3.

**Details:** On 02/15/17 at 2309 hours, Patrol Officers respond to a vehicle collision in the area of Houston and Cain. Officers find a 2005 Chevy Impala 4-Dr (V-1) had collided with a parked 53' semi-trailer (P-2). The trailer was parked facing E/B Houston w/of Cain on the shoulder and off the roadway on the S/S of the street. V-1 had been W/B Houston and crossed into the E/B lane of traffic for unknown reasons. V-1 then completely leaves the Roadway and collides head-on with the trailer. The driver was pronounced dead at the scene and had to be extracted from the vehicle by Visalia Fire. Extensive clean-up was conducted by Visalia Streets Division for a ruptured 150 gallon diesel tank attached to the trailer. The driver of V-1 has not been positively identified as of the time of this release. The driver was the only occupant. The cause of the collision is under investigation by the Traffic Unit.  
No Further Information at this Time.

\*\*\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*\*\*

The driver involved with this collision has been identified as Michael James Stevens, 22 years old, of Visalia.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Visalia PD Traffic Unit

**Supervisor:** Sgt. D. Maurice



