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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
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VPD Report Number: 17-42268

Date/Time Occurred: 05/28/17 at 1354 hours

Type of Incident: Homicide

Location: Buena Vista and Zachary

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Noah Fox	18	Yes
2. Jose Luis Cortez	18	Yes
3. Calvin Solis	18	Yes
4. Male Juvenile	17	Yes
5. Male Juvenile	15	Yes

Details: On 5/28/17 at approximately 1354 hours, officers responded to a report of a vehicle versus parked vehicle traffic collision. As officers were in route to the scene, dispatch received additional calls advising that the driver of the vehicle had sustained a gunshot wound. A male gunshot victim was located at the scene and was transported to KDMC where he later died from his injury. The victim was identified as Terry Wade III, 19 years of Visalia.

During the investigation, officers received information regarding a vehicle that was seen leaving the area. That vehicle was located a short distance from the scene and a stop was conducted. The four male occupants of that vehicle were detained. Detectives are currently attempting to determine their involvement in this incident and the motive for this shooting.

Additional information will be released when it becomes available.

*****UPDATE*****

After further investigation, it was determined that this shooting was a result of robbery during a drug related transaction. The above listed suspects, who were the subjects detained earlier, were arrested and booked for Conspiracy, Robbery and Homicide. The weapon that is believed to have been used during this crime has been recovered.



Anyone with information related to this investigation are asked to contact Detective James Cummings at (559)713-4722. Anonymous information can be provided through Valley Crime Stoppers at (559)498-STOP.

*****UPDATE – 05/31/17*****

The ongoing investigation revealed that a 15 year old male juvenile suspect provided the gun to the other suspects for it to be used in the robbery. He was able to remove the gun from his residence without anyone's knowledge. On 05/30/17, the juvenile suspect was interviewed and later booked into Tulare County Juvenile Hall for Conspiracy and Homicide.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol / Violent Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. K. Kroeze S159

