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

June 29, 2017

VPD Report Number: 17-51982

Date/Time Occurred: 6-28-17 / 2139 hours

Type of Incident: DUI / Hit and Run

Location: County Center / Caldwell

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Johnathan Mates

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Yes

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Details: On 6-28-17 at approximately 2139 hours a Visalia Police Officer was in a marked patrol car facing south on County Center at Caldwell Avenue stopped for a red light when his patrol car was struck from behind by a 2001 Ford Windstar Van. The driver, Johnathan Mates fled from the scene in his van after striking the patrol car and was apprehended a short distance away. Johnathan Mates showed signs of alcohol intoxication and was subsequently arrested for DUI and Hit and Run. Neither the officer, nor the suspect was injured in this incident. Both vehicles sustained minor to moderate damage.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol

Supervisor: Sgt. Chris Jennings

