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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**July 29, 2017**

Report Number: Date/Time Occurred:  
17-60150 - 07/25/17 @ 0608 Hrs.

Type of Incident: Location:  
Major Injury Traffic Collision Locust/Oak

Party: Age:  
1. Francisco Garcia Diaz 56 years old from Visalia  
2. Jane Doe (Unidentified), WFA, approximately 40-50 years of age

Details:  
On the above listed date and time, units responded to the area of Locust and Oak regarding an injury traffic collision. Upon arrival, it was discovered that a 2017 red Volkswagen Jetta being driven by Francisco Diaz was southbound Locust Street at Oak Ave. when it struck a female pedestrian (Jane Doe) that was crossing Locust in a westerly direction at Oak Ave. The pedestrian sustained severe injuries and was airlifted to Community Regional Medical Center in Fresno where she remains in critical condition. The identity of the female pedestrian has yet to be determined. Drugs or alcohol do not appear to be a factor in this collision. The cause of the collision is under investigation and being handled by the Visalia Police Department Traffic Unit.

**UPDATE:**  
07/26/17- The female pedestrian in this case has been identified as 79 year old Betty Alonzo Minatta from Visalia. She remains in critical condition at Community Regional Medical Center in Fresno. The investigation into the cause of this collision is ongoing by the Visalia PD Traffic Unit.

**UPDATE:**  
07/29/17- The pedestrian in this case, 79 year old Betty Alonzo Minatta, succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased on 07/28/17 while at Community Regional Medical Center in Fresno. The investigation into the cause of this collision is ongoing by the Visalia PD Traffic Unit.

Investigating Officer(s): Visalia PD Traffic Unit  
Supervisor: Sgt. J. Andrews

