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NEWS RELEASE

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VPD Report Number: 17-69642
Date/Time Occurred: 8/25/17 1320 hours

Type of Incident: Location:

Fatal Hit & Run Traffic Collision, parking lot of Vallarta Supermarket,
3112 N. Dinuba Blvd. Visalia

Involved Parties:

Angelina Ayala, 87 yrs. old from Visalia (pedestrian)
Richard Paul Navarrette, 30 yrs. old from Visalia (driver)

Details:

On the listed date and time, the Visalia Police Department responded to the parking lot of Vallarta Supermarket located at 3112 N. Dinuba Blvd. for a report of a vehicle vs. pedestrian hit and run traffic collision. The investigation showed that a dark colored 4-door sedan being driven by an unknown subject was traveling S/B through the parking lot just north of the entrance/exit doors of Vallarta Market, when it struck I/P Angelina Ayala, who was crossing the parking lot on foot in a W/B direction.

I/P Angelina Ayala (pedestrian) sustained fatal injuries as a result of the collision and was pronounced deceased at KDMC. The collision investigation is continuing and being handled by the VPD Traffic Unit.

Update:

The Traffic Unit has continued with this investigation. On Saturday August 26, the suspect vehicle involved with this collision was located at a residence in Visalia. Officers were able to identify Richard Paul Navarrette as the driver of the suspect vehicle. On today's date, officers located Navarrette in Visalia. He was arrested and booked into jail for felony hit and run and vehicular manslaughter charges.

Investigating Officers: Supervisor:

VPD Traffic Unit Sgt. J. Andrews |

