



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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NEWS RELEASE

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VPD Report Number: Date/Time Occurred:

19-036340 / 05-05-2019 / 1620 hours

Type of Incident: Location:

Driving Under the Influence Fatal Traffic Collision: Mooney Blvd. at Ave. 272

Involved Parties:

Vehicle 1 (2001 gray Acura RL)

Driver - Ricardo Tavizon (Arrested for Driving Under the Influence) – 21yoa. Visalia

Rear Passenger in 2001 gray Acura RL (Pronounced Deceased at scene) Name not being released pending family notification

Vehicle 2 (2004 black Chevrolet 2500 P/U)

Driver - Shane Minugh (No impairment) – 47yoa. Visalia

Passenger – Juvenile Female

Details:

On the listed date and time, Visalia Police Department Patrol Officers responded to a Traffic Collision involving two vehicles. Officers responded and found the rear passenger in the 2001 Acura unresponsive. Fire personnel extracted the passenger from the vehicle and provided treatment. The passenger was unable to be revived at the scene and was pronounced deceased by EMS. The driver of the 2001 Acura, Tavizon was evaluated for driving under the influence at the scene and arrested. He was transported to KDMC for minor injuries sustained during the collision and later booked for 23153(f) VC (Driving Under the Influence of a Drug). VPD Traffic Unit responded to complete the investigation and learned that Tavizon was traveling W/B Avenue 272 and attempted to cross Mooney failing to yield to oncoming traffic when Minugh who was N/B Mooney collided into Tavizon. All lanes of Mooney Blvd. were closed for approximately 5 hours while the scene was investigated. The collision is still under investigation.

Investigating Officers:

Visalia PD Patrol

Visalia PD Traffic Unit

Supervisor:

Agt. Clay Moffett

