



## VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**VPD Report Number: Date/Time Occurred:**

19-067631: 08/14/2019 / 2115 hrs.

**Type of Incident: Location:**

Fatal Injury Traffic Collision: Giddings St. N/of Vassar Ave.

**Involved Parties:**

Jennifer Pinkham – Pedestrian 20 yrs. - Visalia

Kenneth Bates – 50 yrs. – Visalia. Driver of a Ford F-150

**Details:**

On the listed date and time, the Visalia Police Department responded to Giddings and Vassar for a report of a vehicle versus pedestrian traffic collision. Officers found the vehicle driven by Bates was traveling N/B Giddings N/of Vassar when the pedestrian was struck. Pinkham was crossing west to east mid-block when she was struck. She was transported by EMS and was pronounced deceased due to her injuries. The driver of the Ford sustained no injuries. Alcohol and speed are not considered factors in this collision. Bates was evaluated for DUI Drugs by the Visalia PD Motors Unit Drug Recognition Experts and found to be under the influence of a controlled substance. He was arrested and booked for DUI causing great bodily injury/death. The investigation is being conducted by the Visalia Police Department Traffic Unit. The cause of the collision is still under investigation.

**Investigating Officers: Supervisor:**

VPD Traffic Unit:

Sgt. Mark Feller

