



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

19-088343: 10/20/2019 / 1700 hours

Type of Incident: Location:

3 Vehicle major-injury Traffic Collision: Giddings St. at Mineral King Ave.

Involved Parties:

Eric Olsen (45 – Visalia) – Driving a Kia Forte– solo occupant. No injuries

Juan Rodriguez (28 – Visalia) – Driving a Honda Motorcycle– solo occupant. Minor injuries.

Kenneth Hedstrom (30 – Visalia) – Driving a Suzuki Motorcycle– solo occupant. Major lower body injuries.

Details:

On the listed date and time, Visalia Police Department Patrol Officers responded to a Traffic Collision involving 3 vehicles. Officers responded and found the driver of the Suzuki motorcycle had been ejected from the motorcycle and EMS transported him for major injuries to his lower body. VPD Traffic Unit responded to complete the investigation and learned that the Kia (Olsen) was traveling N/B Giddings, turning onto W/B Mineral King on a green light. The Honda motorcycle (Rodriguez) was S/B Giddings proceeding straight also on a green light and struck the front right side of the Kia as it was turning. The Suzuki motorcycle (Hedstrom) was S/B Giddings behind the Honda motorcycle and swerved to avoid the collision. Hedstrom lost control of the motorcycle and ejected after hitting the curb. Drugs and Alcohol are not factors in this collision. Speed may be a factor that will be considered in this collision. The collision is still under investigation.

Investigating Officers: Supervisor:

Visalia PD Traffic Unit:

Sgt. Mark Feller

