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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
May 29, 2020

VPD Report Number: 20-043530

Date/Time Occurred: 05/26/2020 at 5:13 AM

Type of Incident: Homicide

Location: Thomas Court/Paradise Ave.

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Barry Tarrell Dantzler

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Yes

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Details: On May 26, 2020 at 5:13 AM, officers responded to a report of a suspicious circumstance at a residence in the 1500 block of south Thomas Court. When officers arrived, they located the decedent, Heather Sloan (37), inside the residence. Detectives with the Violent Crimes Unit responded to the scene.

*******UPDATE*******

Through the investigation information was developed identifying the suspect in the homicide as Barry Tarrell Dantzler. On May 29, 2020 at approximately 7:00 PM, Dantzler was located in the area of Motel 6, in the City of Tulare. Dantzler fled from officers in a vehicle and failed to yield. As Dantzler fled he lost control of his vehicle and collided into a utility pole, causing his vehicle to roll over. Dantzler's vehicle struck an adult female bicyclist that was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Tulare Police Department assisted with this investigation. Dantzler will be charged with homicide, home invasion, felony evading, as well as the death of the bicyclist.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is encouraged to contact Detective Martinez at 713-4156 or the Anonymous Tip Line at 713-4738.



Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/Violent Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. Verissimo

