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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
June 4, 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

2. Adam Hernandez

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Yes

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.

*****UPDATE*****

Through further investigation, information was developed identifying an additional suspect in the homicide as Adam Hernandez (26). On June 3, 2020 at 8:15 PM, Hernandez was located by the Tulare Police Department, in the City of Tulare. Hernandez was taken into custody without incident.



Hernandez was booked at the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility for homicide, robbery, burglary and two outstanding warrants.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/Violent Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. Verissimo

