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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

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VPD Report Number: 23-027348

Date/Time Occurred: 04/03/2023 01:51 a.m.

Type of Incident: Major Injury Traffic Collision

Location: Houston Ave. / Rinaldi St.

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Charles Draxler

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Yes

2.

Details:

On 04/03/2023 at 01:51 a.m., patrol officers responded to the intersection of Houston Ave. and Rinaldi St. for a pedestrian that was struck by a vehicle. Upon arrival, officers located an unresponsive adult female in the roadway.

The female was transported to Kaweah Health Medical Center for treatment and is in critical condition.

The involved vehicle fled the scene prior to officers arriving. The Traffic Unit was called out to take over the investigation and process the scene.

The Visalia Police Department Traffic Unit is still investigating the cause of the collision. Anyone with additional information is asked to call the Traffic Unit at (559) 713-4237.

The female pedestrian was identified as Ekae See, 42, of Visalia. Unfortunately, she passed away due to the injuries sustained in the traffic collision.



The Traffic Unit investigated the collision and was able to identify the involved vehicle.

On 04/06/2023, officers served a search warrant at a residence in the 2600 block of W Payson Ave. in Visalia. Officers located the suspect vehicle and additional evidence linking it to the collision.

Charles Draxler was identified as the driver and was arrested for Felony Hit and Run Causing Death. He was booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Traffic Unit / Patrol

Supervisor: Sergeant Henry Martinez

