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

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UPDATE: Suspect Arrested in Deadly Hit-And-Run

On August 12, 2024, at approximately 10:31 p.m., VPD officers responded to a fatal hit-and-run collision involving a pedestrian at Caldwell Avenue and Ben Maddox Way. The pedestrian was pronounced dead at the scene.

The suspect vehicle had fled, but was found abandoned nearby.

The Visalia PD Traffic Unit took over the investigation and identified the suspect. With assistance from the VPD Special Enforcement Unit, Narcotics Unit, and HOPE Unit, 31-year-old Jorge Torres was arrested this afternoon without incident.

****ORIGINAL RELEASE****

VPD Traffic Unit Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Collision

At approximately 10:31 p.m. Monday, VPD officers responded to a hit-and-run collision involving a pedestrian at Caldwell Avenue and Ben Maddox Way. The pedestrian was found dead at the scene.

The suspect vehicle had fled before officers arrived, but was found abandoned a short distance away.

The Visalia PD Traffic Unit responded to the scene and is currently investigating the collision. Anyone with information about the collision is urged to contact Officer D. Huard at 559-713-4037, or if you wish to remain anonymous, please call the anonymous tip line at 559-713-4738.



