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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
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**UPDATE: Missing Man Found Deceased in Sequoia National Forest**

On 12/21/24, at approximately 10:00 AM, the Visalia Police Department was notified by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife that 72-year-old Manuel Mendoza had been located a short distance from his vehicle in the Sequoia National Forest. Unfortunately, he was found deceased.

Detectives from the Visalia Police Department had been working to find Mr. Mendoza since his disappearance on 12/19/24. Evidence had led detectives to the Delano area, but no additional leads were obtained from that area. The Visalia Police Department worked with the California Highway Patrol to issue a Silver Alert and were pending approval at the time Mr. Mendoza was located.

No foul play is suspected, and the death investigation is being conducted by the Tulare County Sheriff's Office.

The Visalia Police Department sends it condolences to the family of Mr. Mendoza.

