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

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UPDATE: Woman Dies After Being Struck by Vehicle in DUI Crash

On Sunday, February 23, 2025, officers with the Visalia Police Department responded to a collision at the intersection of Divisadero Street and Houston Avenue. A vehicle traveling westbound on Houston Avenue struck a woman before crashing into a light pole at the intersection.

The victim was transported to Kaweah Health in critical condition but sadly passed away this morning.

The driver, 23-year-old Isaiah Martinez, was detained at the scene, where a DUI evaluation was conducted. The Visalia PD Traffic Unit took over the investigation. Martinez was arrested for driving under the influence and booked into the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility.

The case will be forwarded to the Tulare County District Attorney's Office for review and appropriate charges.

ORIGINAL RELEASE

HAPPENING OVERNIGHT: Pedestrian Struck, Driver Crashes Into Pole in Early Morning Collision in Visalia

At approximately 3:14 a.m. this morning, Visalia PD officers responded to a collision at the intersection of Divisadero Street and Houston Avenue. A vehicle traveling westbound on Houston Avenue struck a pedestrian before colliding with a light pole at the intersection.

The victim was transported to Kaweah Health and is in critical condition.

The Visalia PD Traffic Unit responded to the scene and took over the investigation. The driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol and has been taken into custody.

Anyone who has information regarding the collision is encouraged to contact the Visalia PD Traffic Unit at 559-713-4175.

