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## \*\*\*Visalia Police Department / Officer Involved Shooting\*\*\*

On 02-08-13 at 1441 hours, officers from the Visalia Police Department stopped a vehicle in the area of Pinkham and Beech related to an ongoing investigation. Upon officers making contact with the driver, the driver failed to comply with their commands resulting in shots being fired. The driver, who was the only occupant of the vehicle, was transported to Kaweah Delta Medical Center for medical treatment where he was later pronounced deceased. The Tulare County Sheriff's Department is conducting the investigation of the shooting. The identity of the suspect is being withheld at this time pending notification of next of kin.

For further information, please contact Sergeant Paul Esquibel at 713-4721.

