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\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\*
November 25, 2014

**Report Number: Date/Time Occurred:** 

14-14135 - 11/19/14 @ 2033 Hrs.

**Type of Incident: Location:** 

Major Injury Traffic Collision Chinowth north of Country Street

Party: Age:

Jose Luis Martinez 70 yrs. old
 Jessica Nicole Watson 29 yrs. old

## **Details:**

On the above listed date and time, units responded to the area of Chinowth and Country regarding an injury traffic collision. Upon arrival, it was discovered that a blue Nissan pickup driven by Jose Martinez was southbound Chinowth when it collided with a gray Dodge pickup that was backing into a driveway of a private residence on Chinowth. The driver of Nissan pickup, Martinez, sustained severe injuries in the collision and was transported to Kaweah Delta Medical Center where he remains in critical condition. There were two male juvenile passengers in this vehicle that were also transported to KDMC for facial injuries. The driver of the Dodge pickup, Watson, was evaluated at the scene by medical personnel for complaint of pain and was released. The cause of the collision is under investigation and being handled by the Visalia Police Department Traffic Unit.

## **Update:**

On 11-24-14, Party 1, Jose Luis Martinez, Succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at Kaweah Delta Medical Center. The Visalia Police Department Traffic Unit is still investigating the collision.

**Investigating Officer(s): Visalia PD Traffic Unit** 

Supervisor: Sgt. J. Andrews

