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NEWS RELEASE
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VPD Report Number: 21-091968 Date/Time Occurred: 11/4/21 8:04 PM

Type of Incident: Major Injury Traffic Collision Location: Walnut Ave./Garden St.

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect: Age: Arrested:

1. Male, Age 26 – 1998 Toyota Forerunner SUV

2. Male, Age 39 – 2016 Harley Davidson Motorcycle

Details: On 11/4/21, at 8:04 PM, Visalia Police Department Patrol Officers were dispatched to an injury traffic collision involving an SUV and a motorcycle. The SUV was travelling east on Walnut, the motorcycle was travelling west on Walnut. The SUV made a left turn to travel north on Garden and collided with the motorcycle in the intersection. Upon arrival, officers and EMS personnel located the motorcycle rider in the roadway, with major injuries. The rider was transported to Kaweah Health Medical Center and is listed in critical condition. The driver of the SUV was uninjured.

Police Volunteers (VIPS) responded to the scene to assist with traffic control and the Visalia Police Department Traffic Unit responded to conduct the investigation. The cause of the collision is under investigation

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The motorcyclist in this incident, identified as Emmanuel Rivera Salmeron, has been pronounced deceased as a result of the injuries he sustained. Alcohol and drugs are not believed to be a factor at this point in the investigation; however, the cause of the collision is still under investigation. Anyone with information regarding this collision can contact the Visalia Police Department Traffic Unit.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: VPD Traffic Unit

Supervisor: Agent Nate Henry

