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Report Number: Date/Time Occurred: 17-63835- 08/06/17 @ 1531 Hrs.

Type of Incident: Location: Fatal Traffic Collision Mineral King West of Locust

Party: Age:

- 1. Natasha Morales, 29 years old from Visalia
- 2. Karl Karsten, 62 years old from Visalia

Details:

On the above listed date and time, units responded to the area of Mineral King Ave. west of Locust regarding an injury traffic collision. Upon arrival, it was discovered that a 2012 maroon Chevy sedan being driven by Natasha Morales was westbound Mineral King Ave. just west of Locust when it struck a male pedestrian that was crossing Mineral King Avenue west of Locust Street in a southerly direction. The male pedestrian (Karsten) sustained major injuries and was pronounced deceased at Kaweah Delta Medical Center. The driver of the Chevy sedan (Morales) was not injured. The cause of the collision is under investigation and being handled by the Visalia Police Department Traffic Unit.

Investigating Officer(s): Visalia PD Traffic Unit Supervisor: Sgt. J. Andrews

