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### Driver Arrested After DUI Crash Ends in Carl's Jr. Collision

At approximately 8:39 p.m., a Visalia PD officer heard the sound of a collision near the intersection of Main Street and Ben Maddox Way. Further investigation revealed that 30-year-old Brandon Smith was under the influence of alcohol while driving a white GMC truck northbound on Ben Maddox.

Smith failed to stop at a red light at the intersection and slammed into a silver Toyota minivan traveling eastbound on Main Street. After the collision, the truck continued on and crashed into the southwest corner of Carl's Jr.

Thankfully, no one inside the minivan or the restaurant was injured.

Smith was transported to Kaweah Health for treatment and will be facing charges for driving under the influence, as defined under California Vehicle Code 23152(a), as well as reckless driving under VC 23109.

