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Vehicle versus pedestrian accident

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The following information is based on a preliminary, ongoing investigation which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records if available, and analyze forensic evidence. The Department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed

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*****UPDATE*****

The pedestrian that was struck on Friday August 4, 2017 was identified as 52 year old David Micheal Jones of Tulare. Jones is still listed in critical condition. The driver of the vehicle was identified as 29 year old Juan Gomez of Porterville.

Based on statements; video evidence from a local business and physical evidence on scene, it was determined that both Gomez and Jones contributed to this collision.

Gomez was traveling westbound on East Tulare Avenue in his 2013 Dodge Dart when he ran a red light at the controlled intersection of East Tulare Avenue and Laspina Street striking Jones (pedestrian). Jones was in the center dirt median and attempted to cross the street by crossing in front of Gomez's moving vehicle. During the investigation, it was determined that Gomez was not impaired.

At this time, criminal charges will not be pursued.

On Friday August 4, 2017, at approximately 4:52 a.m. the Tulare Police Department received a 9-1-1 call of a traffic collision which involved a vehicle versus a pedestrian near the intersection of East Tulare Ave and North Laspina Street. When officers arrived, they discovered the pedestrian had sustained visible injuries as a result of the collision. The pedestrian was transported via ambulance to a local area hospital. He is currently listed in critical condition.

The names of the pedestrian and the driver of the vehicle are being withheld. This traffic collision is under the investigation of the traffic division and there is no further information to provide at this time.

When additional information is made available, I will provide an additional press release.

Anyone with additional information regarding this incident is urged to call the Tulare Police Department at any of the following numbers:

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- Anonymously 24-hours a day (559) 685-2300 Ext: 4445
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