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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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On 8-12-17 at approximately 4:15 AM officers responded to the area of North Mooney Boulevard north of Cartmill Avenue for a report of an injury traffic collision involving a vehicle and a pedestrian.

On scene, Officers located the deceased pedestrian who was later identified as 34 year old Joel Flores from Tulare. Flores next of kin has been notified. The driver of the vehicle was identified as 21 year old Ericka Borges of Tulare. Borges did not sustain any injuries as a result of this collision and was not impaired.

Borges was in her 2011 GMC Acadia traveling southbound on North Mooney Boulevard just north of Cartmill Avenue when Joel Flores (pedestrian) walked in front of Borges moving vehicle. Borges was unable to avoid the collision. No criminal charges being pursued.

Based on statements, physical evidence on scene, it was determined that Flores caused this collision by violating CVC-21954(a)-Pedestrian being outside of a marked crosswalk. We are awaiting a toxicology report on Flores.

This marks the fifth fatal traffic related collision for 2017.

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

- During business hours at (559) 684-4290;
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- Anonymously 24-hours a day (559) 685-2300 Ext: 4445
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