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Fatal Traffic Collision

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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 Sunday August 20, 2017 just after 8:00 p.m., Officers were dispatched to the area of West Cross Avenue and West Tulare Avenue for a traffic collision involving two vehicles. Officers arrived and found an unresponsive driver in a 2003 Hyundai Tiburon. He was transported to a local area hospital where he was later pronounced deceased. The driver was identified as 40 year old Venico Ramus Becerril of Fresno. His impairment has not been determined. We are awaiting a toxicology report.

The second driver was identified as 38 year old Aiver Delatorre of Tulare. He was driving a 2017 Ford F-350 pulling a pull behind trailer. On scene, Delatorre did not display any objective symptoms of impaired. Delatorre and his four passengers were not injured.

Based on physical evidence, vehicle damage and placement and statements on scene, Becerril was traveling westbound on West Tulare Avenue approaching its intersection with West Cross Avenue. Becerril lost control of the vehicle, drove off onto the side dirt shoulder, over corrected and slide into the lane of Delatorre's vehicle

as they were traveling Eastbound on W. Tulare Avenue approaching the intersection of West Cross. Delatorre was unable to avoid the collision as the 2003 Hyundai Tiburon collided into the 2017 Ford F-350.

Based on this investigation, Becerril caused this collision by making an unsafe turning movement which caused him to lose control and skid into oncoming.

This marks the sixth fatal traffic collision for 2017.

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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