



# Tulare Police Department

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\*\*\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*\*\*

Monday May 1, 2017

The pedestrian that was struck by a vehicle on April 22, 2017 has passed away. The pedestrian was identified as 38 year old Misty Marie Lopez of Tulare. Next of kin has been notified.

This marks the third traffic related death of the year.

Officers are still attempting to identify and locate the driver and vehicle involved.

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# Driver who struck a pedestrian has yet to be identified

Friday, April 28, 2017

*\*\*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\*\**

**Tulare, Ca: \*\*\*Need the publics assistance to help identify the suspected driver\*\*\*\***

On Saturday, April 22, 2017 just after 5:30a.m. officers from the Tulare Police Department were dispatched to the 900 block of S. Spruce Ave in Tulare for a traffic collision which involved a vehicle versus a pedestrian. When officers arrived on scene, they found the pedestrian in the roadway. The pedestrian was identified as a 38 year old female from Tulare. The female suffered visible trauma and was transported by ambulance to a local area hospital for further emergency care. A witness on scene provided officers with a possible suspect vehicle and driver description.

## SUSPECT VEHICLE:

- Honda passenger car, unknown model or year
- Tan or brown in color
- Moderate front end damage

## SUSPECT DRIVER:

- Hispanic male driver
- Unknown age

The pedestrian is still in critical condition. We are asking the public's assistance in an attempt to locate the driver responsible and the vehicle used in this crime. Should anyone have information about this case you are encouraged to contact Traffic Officer, Todd Davis of the Tulare Police Department at (559) 685-2300 ext: 2143.

This is an on-going criminal investigation. Should further information develop, I will provide an additional press release.

Anonymous information can be provided at the following numbers.

- During business hours at (559) 684-4290;
- During non-business hours or on weekends at (559) 685-3454;
- Anonymously 24-hours a day (559) 685-2300 Ext: 4445

- Online at <https://www.tipsubmit.com/webtipstart.aspx>

## Contact *Us*

Emergency: 9-1-1

Non-Emergency: (559) 685-2300 Ext: 3454

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