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Ceres, Calif. – Ceres Police Traffic investigators have re-opened a cold case from 2003. We are asking the public for your help in solving this tragic and senseless loss of life.

On November 6, 2003 at approximately 5:29p.m., Ceres police officers responded to hit and run collision with a person down at the intersection of Railroad and Central. Charles Philyaw, the victim (pictured below), was fatally injured when he was struck while riding his bicycle. Philyaw was riding his bicycle northbound on Railroad Avenue at Central Avenue at approximately 5:20p.m. when he was struck by a vehicle that was also northbound. Immediately after the collision the vehicle sped away from the scene of the collision making a westbound turn onto Kinser Avenue.

Witnesses that were contacted gave the following description of the vehicle. The suspect vehicle was described as a 1990's 4 door white Chevy Malibu. The vehicle listed below looks similar to the vehicle described by the witnesses; however, the suspect vehicle was reported to have tinted windows.

Traffic investigators are hoping for anyone with information to call us. Any tips can be anonymous or you can call Officer Freddie Ortiz at 209-538-5678 or use the Crime Stoppers number below.



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