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VEHICLE VERSUS PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC COLLISION

On Friday February 19, 2016 at 7:39 am, Coalinga Police Officers responded to the 900 block of Sunset Street on the report of a vehicle which had collided with a juvenile who was riding a bicycle. Officers arrived on scene and located both the driver of the vehicle and the juvenile bicyclist standing nearby.

Neither the bicyclist nor the driver of the vehicle sustained any injuries. The juvenile was later turned over to his parents after a medical evaluation was performed.

It should be noted that the juvenile bicyclist was wearing a safety helmet at the time of the accident.

The Coalinga Police Department would like to remind all bicyclist to utilize good bicycle techniques and follow the rules of the road. As a bicyclist under 18 years of age you must wear a safety helmet. You must ride in a designated bicycle lane if available. When a bicycle lane is not available you must always ride on the right portion of the roadway closest to the curb in the direction of traffic. NEVER ride against traffic. When crossing the street always get off your bicycle and walk it across never ride it across the street.

Parents let's keep our kids safe by ensuring that they are practicing these bicycle riding safety tips.