



Oakdale Police News Release

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Male Killed in Fatal Truck Accident over the Weekend Identified as 18-year-old Oakdale High School Senior

18-year-old Joseph Casas from Oakdale was identified as the man that fell from a moving vehicle just before midnight on December 18th. Oakdale Police officers were called to the 200 block of N. Oak Avenue for a report of a male who had fallen out of a moving truck. When officers arrived, they immediately began performing life-saving efforts on the victim, but ultimately, he succumbed to his injuries on the scene. Detectives determined Casas was the front passenger in the truck and fell while hanging out of the passenger window. Alcohol and vehicle speed do not appear to be a factor as to what caused the accident. The truck had five other occupants. Those occupants, including the driver, were all juveniles.

Joseph Casas was a senior at Oakdale High School. Oakdale Joint Unified School District (OJUSD) officials have advised that grief counseling and accommodations will be available for students when they return to school on January 4th. OJUSD officials also said that during winter break, families are encouraged to seek emotional support services through their health insurance and local support services agencies, such as Jessica's House in Turlock.