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PRESS RELEASE

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Narcotics Seizure

Location of Incident: 8000 block of E. 32nd Street – Yuma, AZ

On Monday, May 8, 2017, at approximately 10:03 A.M., Deputies with the Yuma County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) conducted a traffic stop for a traffic violation on a Chevrolet sedan in the 8000 block of E. 32nd Street in Yuma, Arizona. During the course of the traffic stop, a K-9 unit was requested and responded to the location. YCSO K-9 "Jax" arrived on scene and alerted to the vehicle resulting in a subsequent search. Through further investigation, it was revealed the two occupants inside the vehicle were concealing narcotic substances in their body cavities. The search led to the discovery of approximately 318 grams of heroin (with an approximate street value of \$25,440.00) contained in 10 separate packages.

The two occupants of the vehicle, Bonifacio Alarcon Arana, 65, and Ramiro Mendoza Cortez, 38, both of Mexicali, Mexico, were arrested and booked into the Yuma County Detention Center for transportation of a narcotic, possession of a narcotic for sale, possession of a narcotic, and possession of drug paraphernalia.



Bonifacio Alarcon Arana



Ramiro Mendoza Cortez

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office would like to remind the public to call (928) 783-4427 to report any suspected gang or drug activity or visit our website at www.yumacountysheriff.org to submit an anonymous tip.

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