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PRESS RELEASE

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“Angel Baby” Identified

Location of Incident: 3½ E and the Colorado River – Yuma, AZ

Update: On Monday, May 8, 2017, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received notification from the Federal Bureau of Investigation that the identification of “Angel Baby”, the victim of a 1999 YCSO homicide cold case, had been obtained from a new fingerprint identification program that was initiated this year with the FBI, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), and the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs). This new program identified two prints belonging to **Angel Marie McAlister**, an 18 year old female from the San Diego area.

Due to some irregularities in the identification, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office determined it would be best to locate living family members so that DNA samples could be obtained and compared to the victim. NCMEC, NamUs and the San Diego Child and Family Services were instrumental in helping locate these family members. With the assistance of the Sacramento California Police Department and the Oregon State Police Special Investigations Unit, DNA samples were obtained from two sisters and the biological mother and forwarded to the Arizona Department of Public Safety Lab in Phoenix, Arizona.

On October 24, 2017, the DPS Lab notified the Yuma County Sheriff's Office that the DNA samples matched the victim's DNA profile.

The investigation into the homicide is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at (928) 783-4427 or 78-CRIME to remain anonymous. You can also visit our website at www.yumacountysheriff.org to submit an anonymous tip.



Angel Marie McAlister

Original Release: On October 9, 1999, at approximately 3:00 p.m., the Yuma County Sheriff's Office responded to the area of 3½ E and the Colorado River where the body of a deceased female had been discovered. The initial investigation revealed that the deceased female had a single shotgun wound to the face. The female victim is described as Caucasian between 15 and 20 years of age, 106 pounds, and 5'05" tall, with long brown curly hair. She had a surgical scar on her lower right abdomen and a mole on her back. The victim

also had a partially finished “angel baby” tattoo on her right ankle. She was wearing a white cotton pullover shirt with two butterflies on the upper left front, green sweatpants and black high-lace-up shoes.

This case has not been solved and we are asking the public for help in hopes of identifying her. Attached are composite sketches from 1999 and 2013, along with a computer-generated facial reconstruction.

Anyone with information regarding this case or anyone that might recognize “Jane Doe” is asked to contact the Yuma County Sheriff’s Office at (928) 783-4427.

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