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## Officer Involved Shooting

**Location of Incident: W County 19<sup>th</sup> Street and South Ave I - Gadsden, AZ**

On Saturday, May 4th, 2019, at approximately 12:54 p.m., the Yuma County Sheriff's Office responded to the area of County 19th and Ave I in reference to a male subject armed with a knife and blocking traffic.

Due to the proximity, the San Luis Police Department responded for assistance. Prior to YCSO arrival, San Luis PD Officers made contact with the suspect in the roadway, armed with two knives. The suspect was given multiple commands to drop the knives and failed to comply. During the confrontation, San Luis Police Officers deployed a TASER Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) striking the suspect. The suspect not fazed by the CEW continued to advance towards the officers with the knives in his hands. The suspect was ultimately shot and later pronounced deceased at Yuma Regional Medical Center.

The suspect has been identified as Jason Demarcus Larkin, 35 , of San Luis, AZ. Next of kin has been notified.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Bureau responded to the scene and assumed the investigation.

The case remains under investigation. 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](http://www.yumacountysheriff.org) to submit an anonymous tip.

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