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PRESS RELEASE

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Search and Rescue

Location of Incident: Yuma, AZ

On Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at approximately 8:34 a.m., the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from a male subject who reported that he and another male subject were lost and ill in the desert area south of the Foothills.

Deputies responded to the area and commenced a search in their patrol trucks. When deputies were no longer able to continue the search in their patrol trucks, they continued the search for the subjects on foot. After hiking and searching the area for some time, deputies located the two male subjects in a wash. The male subject who had called 911 reported that they were coming from Mexico and had been in the desert for approximately two days. The second subject was unable to walk due to being very ill and hallucinating. Deputies carried the male to the area where they had left their patrol trucks. A short time later a U.S. Border Patrol helicopter arrived on scene and a USBP BORSTAR medic began treatment.

Both males were transported by YCSO Deputies to the area of South Foothills Boulevard and East County 14th Street, where care was transferred to awaiting Rural Metro Ambulance. Both males were transported to the Yuma Regional Medical Center for evaluation.

Sheriff Wilmot stated, "Once again this shows the continued risk that these men and women crossing our deserts are willing to take, which in turn puts our deputies at risk—especially during the summer months—to save their lives. Luckily, this incident did not have the tragic ending some others have had over the years. One life tragically lost, no matter where they come from, is one too many."

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