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PRESS RELEASE

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Fatality Collision

Location of Incident: East County 19th Street and South Avenue 1E - Yuma, Arizona

On Thursday, July 11, 2019 at approximately 3:30 P.M. the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report of a two vehicle collision on East County 19th Street and South Avenue 1E.

The initial investigation revealed that a white 2014 Ford F-250 pickup was traveling eastbound on County 19th Street approaching Avenue 1E. At the same time, a black 2003 Ford Ranger pickup was traveling northbound on Avenue 1E. The driver of the Ford Ranger failed to stop at the stop sign at County 19th Street, and proceeded into the path of the Ford F-250. The front of the F-250 struck the driver's side of the Ranger.

The driver of the Ford Ranger, Mr. Joel Garcia, 59, of Yuma, sustained fatal injuries as a result of the collision and was pronounced deceased on scene. The driver of the Ford F-250 was transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center for non-life threatening injuries.

Next of kin notification has been made and this case is pending further investigation. Alcohol does not appear to be a contributing factor in this collision.

Anyone with information regarding this case, please 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.

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