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Train vs. Semi Truck Collision

Location of Incident: Spot Road and Rail Road tracks - Aztec, AZ

On January 13, 2015, at approximately 6:35 p.m., the Yuma County Sheriff's Office responded to the railroad crossing at Spot Road in reference to a train colliding with a tractor trailer.

The investigation at the scene revealed that a white 2012 Peterbuilt with a flat bed trailer was traveling southbound on Spot Road when the driver failed to stop at the rail road crossing. As a result, the truck was hit by a train that was traveling eastbound. The train collided with the truck in front of the driver's compartment, causing it to shear off.

The driver of the Peterbuilt was identified as Mr. Jose Luis Espinoza, 53, of Las Vegas, Nevada. Mr. Espinoza was transported to the Yuma Regional Medical Center by Rural/Metro Fire Department for non-life threatening injuries. No injuries were reported on the train.

Alcohol does not appear to be a contributing factor.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office would like to remind the public to follow traffic laws requiring enough space between vehicles and railroad tracks. Always expect a train when crossing railroad tracks so use extreme caution.

The case remains under investigation. 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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