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PRESS RELEASE

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Fatality Collision

Location of Incident: East Highway 80 and West of 31E - Wellton, AZ

On Saturday, January 31, 2015 at approximately 6:33 p.m., the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report of a two vehicle collision on Highway 80, approximately ¼ mile west of Avenue 31E.

The investigation at the scene revealed that a maroon 2011 Buick Lacrosse was westbound on Highway 80 when it collided with a red 2003 Chevy Sonic that was entering Highway 80 from the north, just west of Avenue 31E.

The driver of the Buick was identified as Mr. John Wilson, 85, from La Grande, Oregon. He and the passenger, Olga Wilson, 80, were transported to the Yuma Regional Medical Center for treatment of injuries sustained during the collision.

The driver of the Chevy was identified as Mrs. Esther Hale, 69, of Wellton. Mrs. Hale was transported to the Yuma Regional Medical Center for treatment of injuries sustained during the collision.

The passenger of the Chevy was identified as Mr. Homer Hale, 86, of Wellton. Mr. Hale was pronounced deceased at the scene. Next of kin notification has been made.

Alcohol does not appear to be a contributing factor. The cause of the collision is still 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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