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## Vessel Collision

**Location of Incident:** Colorado River - Martinez Lake, AZ

On Saturday, May 27, 2017 at approximately 6:34 p.m., Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to a sandbar in the Colorado River in reference to a vessel collision.

The initial investigation revealed that a vessel operated by David Hankins, 49, of Ramona, CA, had collided into a sandbar causing the vessel to flip, ejecting the operator and a 23 year old female passenger.

With the assistance of Rural Metro medics and Arizona Game and Fish Officers, both subjects were treated and stabilized on scene and transported to the YCSO-Martinez Lake Substation. Both subjects were then air lifted to the Yuma Regional Medical Center by a Marine Corp Air Station Search and Rescue helicopter.

This case remains under investigation. Anyone with any information concerning this investigation 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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