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Fatality Collision

Location of Incident: 14300 block of South Somerton Avenue – Somerton, AZ

On Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at approximately 3:59 p.m., the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report of a two vehicle head-on collision in the 14300 block of South Somerton Avenue.

The initial investigation revealed that a tan, 2001 Toyota Camry was traveling southbound on Somerton Avenue, and a 2000 Ford Ranger pickup truck was traveling northbound. The passenger side rear tire of the truck sustained a blow out causing the driver of the vehicle to lose control and go into on-coming traffic. The Camry was struck by the Ranger.

The driver, Mr. Manuel Motter, Jr, 19 years of age, of Somerton, and the passenger of the Ranger were transported to the Yuma Regional Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.

The driver of the Camry, Ms. Belinda Elwood, 55 years of age, of Somerton, was unresponsive on scene and was transported to the Yuma Regional Medical Center with life threatening injuries by the Somerton/Cocopah Ambulance where she was pronounced deceased.

Next of kin notification has been made.

The cause of the collision is still under investigation; alcohol does not appear to be a contributing factor. 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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