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## Fatality Collision

**Location of Incident:** 12700 Block of South Frontage Road, Yuma, Arizona

On July 18, 2017 at approximately 1:42 p.m., the Yuma County Sheriff's Office responded to the 12700 block of South Frontage Road in reference to a single vehicle roll-over collision.

Initial investigation revealed that the driver of a red, Ford F250 ¾ ton pickup truck was traveling Westbound on South Frontage Road. The driver crossed the center-line almost striking another vehicle. The driver swerved to the right to avoid colliding with the vehicle and lost control of the vehicle. The pickup truck proceeded off the South shoulder of the Frontage Road, struck a fence, and rolled landing up-right.

The driver of the Ford F250 was identified as Mr. William O'Connell, 61, of Yuma. He was transported from the scene by Rural Metro Ambulance to Yuma Regional Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries. Next of kin has been notified.

The cause of the collision remains under investigation. Alcohol does appear to be a factor in this incident.

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](http://www.yumacountysheriff.org) to submit an anonymous tip.

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