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Injury Collision

Location of Incident: County 19th Street and Avenue G, Somerton, AZ

On Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at approximately 10:20 a.m., the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report of a two vehicle injury collision at the intersection of County 19th Street and Avenue G in Somerton, AZ.

Initial investigation on scene revealed that a grey, 1999 Ford Windstar which was southbound on Avenue G entered the intersection in an attempt to make a left turn from Avenue G onto County 19th Street to head eastbound. A red, 2007 Nissan Pathfinder which was westbound on County 19th Street Pathfinder collided with the driver's side of the Ford Windstar. Both vehicles came to a rest on the southwest side of the intersection.

The Ford Windstar was being operated by Denise Valenzuela, 26, from Somerton, sustained non-life threatening injuries. There were 3 juveniles and 1 adult female occupants in the vehicle as well.

The Nissan Pathfinder was being operated by Violetta Mejia Padilla, 34, from Yuma, sustained non-life threatening injuries.

All patients were transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center by Somerton/Cocopah Fire and Rural Metro Ambulance. One juvenile was later flown to Phoenix Children's Hospital with life threatening injuries.

The collision remains under investigation; however, alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the collision.

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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