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PRESS RELEASE

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Fatal Collision

Location of Incident: W. Co 19th ½ Street and S. Avenue D ½ Street – Somerton, AZ

On Saturday, February 3, 2018 at approximately 2:16 a.m., the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report of a vehicle collision in the desert area near W. County 19th ½ Street and S. Avenue D ½ Street in Somerton, AZ.

The initial investigation revealed that a 2007, GMC Yukon was traveling northbound in the desert area when the driver lost control causing the vehicle to overturn once and come to a rest on its wheels. The driver sustained injuries due to the collision. The passenger of the Yukon then drove the driver to the 500 block of West Main St, in Somerton where he was met by emergency responders.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office Critical Accident Response Team and Criminal Investigation Bureau responded to the scene and assumed the investigation.

The driver of the Yukon, Vanya Rodriguez Valtierra, 18 years of age, of Somerton was unresponsive on scene and succumbed to her injuries. The male passenger, 16, of Yuma, was transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center.

Next of kin notification has been made.

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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