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Narcotics Seizure

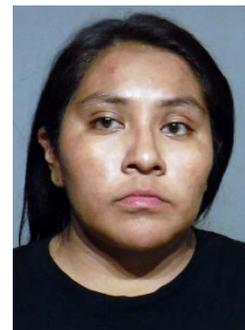
Location of Incident: Interstate 8, mile marker 1, Yuma, AZ

On Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at approximately 5:57 PM, Yuma County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a 2007 Ford F-150 for a traffic violation after exiting 16th Street onto Interstate 8. During the course of the traffic stop, Deputies requested the assistance of a canine and YCSO K-9 "Jax" arrived to assist.

The Yuma County Narcotics Task Force (YCNTF)—which is a multi-agency task force comprised of officers and agents from the Yuma County Sheriff's Office, the Yuma Police Department, the U.S. Border Patrol, and the U.S. Homeland Security Investigations—arrived to assist with a search of the vehicle and discovered multiple packages concealed within the vehicle's doors. A search of the vehicle revealed a total of 107 individual packages containing methamphetamine and 1 package containing heroin. The combined weight of the packages of methamphetamine was approximately 112.9 pounds with an estimated street value of \$2,048,423.00 dollars. The approximate weight of the package of heroin was 1.17 pounds with an estimated street value of \$31,842.00.

The driver of the vehicle, **Sarah Rivas**, 27, of Bapchule, Arizona, was arrested and booked into the Yuma County Detention Center for transportation of dangerous drugs, possession of a dangerous drug for sale, possession of a dangerous drug, transportation of a narcotic drug, possession of a narcotic drug for sale, possession of a narcotic drug and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Rivas was travelling with four minor children that ranged from the ages of five to nine years of age. All children were all transferred to the care of Department of Child Services.



Sarah Rivas

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office would like to remind the public to call (928) 783-4427 to report any suspected drug activity or visit our website at www.yumacountysheriff.org to submit an anonymous tip.

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