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PRESS RELEASE

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Missing Hiker

Location of Incident: Kofa Refuge – Yuma, AZ

On Monday, July 30, 2018 at approximately 2:23 a.m., the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report of a missing hiker in the Kofa Refuge.

Deputies spoke to the reporting party who stated that the missing hiker, identified as Nathan Marcus Hughes, 28, of Mississippi, had last called her on Friday, July 27, 2018. Mr. Hughes provided the reporting party his GPS location and mentioned he was going camping and hiking in the Kofa Refuge area. He told the reporting party that if he did not make contact with her by Sunday night to notify law enforcement.

The YCSO with the assistance of United States Border Patrol BORTSAR conducted a ground search of the area while MCAS Yuma Search and Rescue assisted with aerial support. Mr. Hughes vehicle was located approximately six miles east of Highway 95 from mile marker 77. At approximately 9:55 a.m., the body of Mr. Hughes was found approximately one mile from his vehicle.

Next of Kin has been notified.

Information Released By: Alfonso Zavala, Public Information Officer