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PRESS RELEASE

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****Update****

Hit and Run Fatality Collision

Location of Incident: South Highway 95 and West County 15 ¼ Street – Somerton, AZ

Update:

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office with the assistance of the public has located the vehicle involved in the fatality collision that occurred on Saturday night. The Criminal Investigation Bureau has interview the driver.

The case remains open. Further information will be released when it becomes available.

Original Release:

On Saturday, September 22, 2018, at approximately 11:40 p.m., the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report of a vehicle versus pedestrian collision on South Highway 95 at approximately County 15 ¼ Street near Somerton, Arizona.

Initial investigation revealed that a pedestrian, identified as Mr. Rafael Mesta Beltran, 68, of San Luis, AZ was crossing Highway 95 at the entrance to Cocopah Casino when he was struck by a blue Toyota truck which was traveling south on Highway 95. The driver of the Toyota then continued south on Highway 95 without stopping.

Mr. Mesta Beltran was transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center with life threatening injuries where he later succumbed to his injuries.

Next of Kin notification has been made.

The cause of the incident is still under investigation, and it is unknown if alcohol is a factor.

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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